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**ROBERT J. GRANATA SELECTED AS ONE OF CONNECTICUT BANKERS ASSOCIATION'S  
NEW LEADERS IN BANKING FOR 2014**

**STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 27, 2013** – Connecticut Bankers Association along with The Warren Group have selected Robert J. Granata as one of their New Leaders in Banking for 2014. Granata, executive vice president, chief credit and risk officer of First County Bank, a \$1.3 billion mutual community bank headquartered in Stamford, is one of eleven bankers selected for the honor. In celebration of the New Leaders in Banking 2014, Connecticut Bankers Association hosted a special awards dinner on Thursday, January 16 at the MGM Grand, Foxwoods Casino. The next issue of *Connecticut Banking* magazine will feature each award recipient in a special section highlighting the class of 2014 New Leaders in Banking.

"We are excited that Bob's contributions to the bank and our industry are being recognized," said Rey Giallongo, chairman and CEO of First County Bank. "Bob is a valuable member of the bank's senior management team and has enhanced our strategic planning process. We are eager to see the results of his continued growth and influence in our bank."

"I am delighted to be recognized as a New Leader in Banking by Connecticut Bankers Association and The Warren Group," said Granata. "To be selected as a member of this distinguished group of banking professionals is truly an honor. First County Bank is committed to a culture of excellence at every level of the organization and I would like to acknowledge my colleagues at the bank for their continued support. I join my fellow honorees in thanking Connecticut Bankers Association and The Warren Group for this award."

Granata joined First County Bank in 2007 and has 27 years of financial services experience. As executive vice president, chief credit and chief risk officer of First County Bank, he runs all credit risk and operational compliance programs, commercial and consumer credit administration, and has oversight of the bank's credit policies, appraisal management and workout areas.

Granata is a board member of Children's Learning Center (CLC) and has been serving on

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its Finance Committee since 2007. He is also very active in volunteering with Boy Scout Troop 65 as well as the Trumbull High School Marching Band. Granata lives in Trumbull with his wife and four sons.

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 160 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, trust and investment services, business banking services and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees and assets in excess of \$1.3 billion. For additional information, please visit [www.firstcountybank.com](http://www.firstcountybank.com). Become a fan by clicking "Like" on the bank's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/firstcountybank>. Follow it on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/firstcountybank> or look for First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

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