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**GRANATA NAMED PRESIDENT AND COO FIRST COUNTY BANK**

**STAMFORD, Conn., July 1, 2014** – First County Bank is pleased to announce that **Robert J. Granata, has been named president and chief operating officer at First County Bank**, by the board of directors. He replaced **Katherine A. Harris** who retired on June 30 after 29 years of service to the Bank.

As president and chief operating officer, Granata will direct, control and coordinate the Bank's daily operations to ensure goals and objectives are met. Through division/department heads, Granata's responsibilities include retail and business banking, loan and deposit operations, risk/compliance management, marketing and human resources. He will participate in short and long-term planning; ensure compliance with all applicable regulations; and participate in establishing the overall direction and mission of the Bank.



Caption: Robert J. Granata, president and COO of First County Bank as of July 1, 2014.

"We're very proud to have Bob Granata as our president and chief operating officer of First County Bank," said Rey Giallongo, chairman and CEO First County Bank. "He brings a wealth of

banking experience to the position and has proved to be a strong strategic leader who will position the Bank for the future.”

“I am honored to become First County Bank’s president and COO. My challenge is to build upon our 160 plus years of banking and position ourselves as the ‘premiere bank of choice’ for those in the lower Fairfield County area,” said Bob Granata of his recent appointment. “I hope to continue in the footsteps of my predecessors who have developed and grown the Bank successfully. I am excited to help to guide the Bank to further its success in the communities it serves.”

Granata joined First County Bank in 2007 and has 27 years of financial services experience. He was recently selected as one of Connecticut Bankers Association’s New Leaders in Banking for 2014. Granata serves as a board member of Children’s Learning Center (CLC) a nonprofit agency in Stamford and has been serving since 2007. Granata lives in Trumbull with his wife and four sons.

### **About First County Bank**

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, mobile 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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