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### **Six New Corporators Join First County Bank**

**Stamford, Conn., June 24, 2014** – First County Bank is pleased to announce the election of six new corporators at the June 18, 2014 annual meeting. A corporator is a unique role offered to community representatives and thought-leaders as part of the bank’s mutual charter. A First County Bank corporator acts as the bank’s eyes and ears in the community, promotes the mission and vision of the bank, and supports the business community and nonprofit development.

“These new corporators bring a wealth of experience in diverse industries which will enrich the bank’s operations,” said Rey Giallongo, First County Bank chairman and CEO. “First County Bank has worked together with these individuals and knows they have the best interests of the bank in mind. We look forward to their contribution and advice.”

The First County Bank board of directors recruits corporators who are successful in their business or profession, and have strong knowledge of the communities First County Bank serves. Corporators play a critical role in a mutual community bank. They are centers of influence with diverse backgrounds from both for profit and nonprofit sectors. The role of a Corporator includes: assisting the bank in increasing its visibility and credibility in the community, advising the bank on community and customer needs, supporting the bank’s business development, and providing customer service feedback.

First County Bank welcomes the following to their board of corporators:



**Goitom (Tom) Bellete** is president of GB Parking and Vineyard Development in Stamford. Tom is a well-known builder and developer in the Stamford and Norwalk market. Bellete has experience in all levels of land development and home building, including property level feasibility, acquisitions, financing, and general contracting. Born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tom moved to the US and earned a degree in civil engineering from the University of New Haven. Following his education, he served for six years as a transportation engineer with the Connecticut Department of Transportation.



**Irene Dixon** is director of sales and marketing for the Norwalk Garden Inn. Irene has been active in Norwalk for many years serving on the Mayor's Business Advisory Council, as president of the Norwalk Seaport Association, a board member of the Maritime Center and a Norwalk Fire Commissioner. She was recently recognized by Governor Malloy for her community activities.



**Jevera Kaye Hennessey** is a partner in the law firm of Kaye and Hennessey in Greenwich. Jevera is a long-time Stamford resident whose law practice focuses on real estate transactions, estate planning and estate and trust administration. She participates on a number of nonprofit boards that have missions to support seniors in our communities. Jevera holds a bachelor degree from Georgetown University and juris doctor degree from Boston University.



**Michael (Mike) Pavia** is a former mayor of the City of Stamford and a local real estate developer. Mike is the founder and owner of Pavia Development LLC, a residential, commercial real estate management and construction business in Stamford. He served as a member of Stamford's Police Commission for eight years and as Stamford's Public Works Commissioner. Pavia holds a bachelor degree in psychology from Sacred Heart University and master's degree in urban planning from New York University.



**Ann P. Rogers** is the executive director of the Norwalk Community College (NCC) Foundation and has extensive experience in both for-profit and nonprofit businesses. Prior to joining NCC, Ann was vice president of marketing and development for Laurel House where she significantly increased private funding. During over 20 years at MBI, Inc. in Norwalk, Rogers was executive vice president of product development and licensing. She holds a bachelor degree in economics from Bucknell University and master of business administration (M.B.A.) from Harvard Business School.



**Laura Walbert** is cofounder and managing director of Fraser Walbert Media in New Canaan. Laura's company provides strategic communication products to the financial service industry. Prior to founding her own firm, Laura was a financial reporter and staff writer for *Fortune*, *Forbes' Magazine*, *Money* and *The New York Times*. Laura is involved in a number of civic and philanthropic organizations in New Canaan. She holds bachelor degrees in business administration and magazine journalism from Syracuse University.

## **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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