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## **DENISE BEGLEY PROMOTED TO FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

**Westfield, MA**— James C. Hagan, President and CEO of Westfield Bank, is pleased to announce that Denise Begley has been promoted to First Vice President. She will continue her role of managing branch administration and retail banking operations. Her team is responsible for branch staffing, policy and procedure, branch audit and compliance, and branch systems.

Begley has worked in the banking industry for over 40 years and has spent 17 years at Westfield Bank. She began her career with the Bank as a Business Development Officer at the East Main Street location in Westfield and has served in her current role for the past 13 years.

Outside of the office, Begley is a Chairperson for the Credit for Life organization and a member of the Sons of Erin, a non-profit organization dedicated to the community and promoting Irish heritage.

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“Denise has been instrumental in leading the branch network through the pandemic challenges we faced in the last few years, most notably in staffing and keeping a strong customer experience in place,” said Kevin O’Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer. “I am confident she will continue to excel in her role.”

Begley resides in Westfield, MA.

### **About Westfield Bank**

Westfield Bank, headquartered in Westfield, Massachusetts, is a federally chartered savings bank organized in 1853 and is the largest publicly traded bank headquartered in Western Massachusetts. The Bank is a full-service community-oriented financial institution offering a complete range of commercial and retail products and services. Currently, the Bank has twenty-five branch offices, fifty-four ATMs, and an additional thirty seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and Hartford and Tolland counties in Northern Connecticut. The Bank’s middle market and commercial real estate lending team is based in Springfield, Massachusetts, and has a general regulatory limit on loans to one borrower of \$39.7 million. As of December 31, 2022, the Bank employed 357 full and part-time employees, had \$2.6 billion in total assets, \$2.0 billion in its loan portfolio, and \$2.2 billion in total deposits. The Bank is regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. As a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Bank’s deposits are insured up to the maximum FDIC insurance coverage limits. To learn more, visit the bank’s website at [www.westfieldbank.com](http://www.westfieldbank.com)

***PHOTO: A headshot of Denise Begley is attached***

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