NEWS RELEASE

Alliance Bank
OF ARIZONA
A division of Western Alliance Bank. Member FDIC.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 20, 2013

CONTACT: Ed Zito
President
602-386-5500

Alliance Bank Promotes Ryan Sims to Senior Vice President, Credit Administrator

(PHOENIX) - Alliance Bank announced today that Ryan Sims has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Credit Administrator, in the Mesa office. Sims joined Alliance Bank of Arizona in 2009 and has over 13 years of banking experience.

Sims developed the bank's highly regarded Centralized Underwriting Unit which services the Bank's lending teams in Phoenix, Tucson, Northern Arizona and Reno. "Ryan's leadership in developing and expanding the underwriting team to meet the exceptional loan growth and credit administration needs at Alliance Bank is exemplary," said Jim Lundy, CEO of Alliance Bank of Arizona. He has proven to be an excellent manager who understands the importance of responsiveness to the needs of our customers."

Sims earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Utah.

Sims may be reached directly by email at RSims@alliancebankofarizona.com, phone at (480) 609-2904, or in person at the Mesa office located at 1100 E. Baseline Road.

About Alliance Bank
Founded in 2003, Alliance Bank of Arizona quickly became one of the fastest growing new banks in the country and is a division of Phoenix-based Western Alliance Bank with assets of $2.6 billion. Western Alliance Bank operates nine offices in Arizona and seven offices in Northern Nevada. Its parent company, Western Alliance Bancorporation, also headquartered in Phoenix, is one of the largest regional bank holding companies in the Southwest with assets of $7.6 billion. Western Alliance Bank serves businesses, entrepreneurs, professionals, nonprofit organizations, and consumers seeking the robust product array of a national bank with the individual, personal attention of a community bank, delivered through experienced, local Relationship Managers.