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Walther joins Alliance Bank's Commercial Lending team

Scottsdale, Ariz. – Alliance Bank of Arizona President and CEO **Jim Lundy** announced that **Mike Walther** has joined the bank as vice president of commercial lending at the bank's Scottsdale office.

"Mike Walther is a great addition to our Scottsdale lending team and a tremendous resource for our clients," said Lundy. "His healthcare lending experience has added to the extensive healthcare knowledge already within Alliance Bank to ensure that we will continue to be the pre-eminent healthcare lender in the Arizona market."

Walther will focus on health care commercial lending in the greater Phoenix market. He joins Alliance Bank of Arizona with nearly 20 years of commercial and health care lending, most recently, with BBVA Compass Bank.

Walther attended the University of North Dakota and has a B.B.A. in Banking and Finance. He is involved in the Phoenix community actively serving with the Scottsdale 20/30 Club/Foundation, the Arizona Business Alliance Group, Risk Management Association, and the Arizona Bankers Association.

Walther is located at Alliance Bank's Scottsdale Office at 7373 N. Scottsdale Rd. The office phone is 480.998.6500.

Founded in 2003, Alliance Bank has quickly become one of the fastest-growing banks in the U.S. with total assets of \$886 million, total deposits of \$733 million and total loans of \$682 million (as of 3/31/09). Alliance Bank is a "super community" commercial bank with local decision-making, focused on Arizona's business and professional community, along with individuals seeking personalized banking service. Alliance Bank now has 11 offices statewide including Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa, Tucson, Flagstaff and Sedona. For more information, visit the Alliance Bank of Arizona web site at alliancebankofarizona.com.

Alliance Bank of Arizona is a subsidiary of Western Alliance Bancorporation, one of the largest regional bank holding companies in the country with more than \$5 billion in assets.