

## **Chris Meadows Joins Commerce Street Capital to Raise Capital for Community Banks**

**DALLAS (July 25, 2013)** — Commerce Street Capital, LLC (CSC), an investment banking firm that advises financial institutions, has appointed Chris Meadows as Senior Vice President of the firm's Bank Capital Group. As the firm's representative he will advise and manage the capital-raising efforts for community banks, and he will work on-site with the banks' management and directors as well as the communities to which they market. This announcement was made today by Dory Wiley, President and CEO of CSC.

"Raising capital has solid benefits to community banks — whether to expand the balance sheet organically or pursue mergers with compatible institutions," stated Wiley. "Chris's expertise in raising capital, matched with our firm's overall advisory capabilities, can help our clients grow in size, improve efficiency and increase value."

With a focus in the financial services industry, Meadows brings more than 20 years of experience in business management as well as sales management and operations. Prior to joining CSC, he developed capital-raising experience as Vice President at Community Capital Advisors and served as Senior Vice President with Compass Point Research & Trading. His sales background includes securities and insurance sales with Merrill Lynch and Mass Mutual.

Meadows will work closely with Charlie Ingram, Managing Director of CSC's Bank Capital Group. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, and he studied history and economics at The University of London in England. Meadows holds numerous securities licenses.

CSC has raised nearly \$600 million in equity capital for community banks across the country since 2007 — after the subprime banking crisis began. CSC was twice honored at the Dallas Business Journal and ACG Dallas/Fort Worth annual M&A Awards. In 2013, the firm was named the winner in the Midsize deal (\$50M to \$100M) category for its exceptional advisory work in the merger of two community banks. In 2012, CSC was named the winner of the annual M&A Awards in the small deal (under \$50 million) category for its exceptional work on an acquisition of a community bank, as well as a \$16.4 million capital raise.

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