

## **Charlie Newton to Assist Community Banks Through Texas-based Commerce Street Capital LLC**

**DALLAS (September 30, 2013)** — Commerce Street Capital, LLC (CSC) is pleased to announce that Charlie Newton, a longtime financial industry leader based in Oklahoma City, has joined the firm's Business Development Group. In his role, Newton will focus on developing and strengthening relationships with community banks, foundations and other financial institutions in the state of Oklahoma. This announcement was made today by Dory Wiley, President and CEO of Dallas-based investment banking firm CSC.

Newton has 40 years of experience in investment and commercial banking dealing with bank funding, asset and liability management, interest rate risk and duration analysis. As an investment banker, his emphasis was on public and corporate finance. He has a solid understanding of CSC's investment banking services and how they can both benefit CSC's clients and contribute to CSC's ongoing success. According to SNL Financial, LC, as of Aug. 26, 2013, CSC is currently ranked first in the Southwest for its role as financial advisor in the largest number of merger-and-acquisition transactions completed within the financial institution sector in 2013.

"Charlie is a true ethical leader and achiever in the financial industry," stated Wiley. "We are looking forward to his affiliation with us and know that he will continue to raise the bar in providing high-quality advising in the financial services marketplace."

Newton has been a member of the Oklahoma Securities Commission for 20 years, including 10 years as its Chairman. The Commission is the policymaking and governing authority of the Department of Securities, with a mission of protecting investors. In 1993, reorganization legislation was enacted to include one commissioner from the securities industry to its five-member board. Selected by peers and appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma, this appointment was the first of its kind in the United States. Newton has been appointed to serve four six-year terms by four different governors. His current term ends in 2017.

Newton earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics and Finance in 1970 from the University of Oklahoma, where he also lettered in football.

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