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Derek Cunningham Completes Program at Graduate School of Banking at LSU

DALLAS (June 26, 2012) — Derek Cunningham, a Managing Director at Commerce Street Capital, LLC (“CSC”), has completed the Graduate School of Banking program at Louisiana State University (LSU). This announcement was made by William D. Gross, Chairman of Commerce Street Holdings, LLC, the parent company of CSC.

“The Graduate School of Banking at LSU is considered one of the top banking schools in the country,” stated Gross. “Our firm is proud of Derek’s tenacity and perseverance in completing this difficult curriculum.” Held each spring on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge, Mr. Cunningham graduated with honors from the three-year program.

Mr. Cunningham has recently joined the newly formed Business Development Group at CSC where he will be instrumental in the firm’s efforts to address the unique needs of all the markets it serves. He was formerly National New Business Manager for the firm’s Bank Capital Group where he headed the Atlanta office. He has played an integral role in expanding the firm’s community bank business from a Southeastern focus to one of a national presence in the capital markets arena. In the past five years alone, CSC has raised more than \$550 million for over 40 banks. This capital has enabled community banks to become healthier, thereby positioning themselves for growth and opportunity.

About Commerce Street Capital

Commerce Street Capital, LLC (“CSC”) is a private investment banking firm headquartered in Dallas, Texas. Led by veterans of the banking industry, CSC specializes in investment banking services (mergers and acquisitions, valuations and regulatory issue advising) and bank development (on-site consulting and management of capital raising, market assessments, application development). The firm provides tailored solutions for all or part of a financial institution’s business lifecycle. For more information, visit www.commercestreetcapital.com or call 214-545-6800. Commerce Street Capital is a member of FINRA/SIPC.

About Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

For over a half century, the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University has been a major provider of advanced financial education. Completion of the program has become a requisite to professional advancement in many banks. Executives at multi-billion financial institutions as well as community banks find that the School’s curriculum addresses their educational needs. Visit <http://www.gsblsu.org> for more information.

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