



Paragon Commercial Bank Names Thomas A. Bennett Jr. as Senior Vice President, Client Development Officer

Bennett Joins Paragon in its Charlotte Market

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (August 6, 2008) – Paragon Commercial Bank announces the appointment of Thomas A. Bennett Jr. to the position of senior vice president, client development officer at its office in Charlotte. Bennett will focus on Paragon’s deposits and treasury service opportunities, as well as commercial and industrial loan opportunities.

Bennett brings 21 years of experience in the financial services to Paragon. He previously served as senior vice president, director of Treasury Services Group at First Charter Bank (now Fifth Third Bank). Prior to his nine years at First Charter, Bennett was vice president and commercial relationship manager at Centura Bank. During his 12 years at Centura he covered Commercial Lending and Treasury Management Sales responsibilities.

Bennett received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and then went on to the NC School of Banking. Bennett received his certification of treasury professional designation from the Association of Financial Professionals. He is an active member of NC Treasury Management Association, and the Association of Financial Professionals. He gives back to the community by serving on the board of Cabarrus County Community and Schools, as well as serving as a volunteer with Central Carolinas United Way and the Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member at All Saints Episcopal Church in Concord, N.C. Bennett and his wife, Meg have one son, Thomas (13), and one daughter Martha Campbell (10).

About Paragon Bank

Founded in Raleigh, N.C. in 1999, Paragon Commercial Bank is North Carolina’s first business-only bank with three locations and more than 100 employees. Paragon Commercial Bank provides banking products and services tailored exclusively to the needs of middle market companies with revenues from \$5 million to \$100 million, their executives, and high net worth individuals. In addition to its Raleigh headquarters, the bank has offices in Charlotte, N.C. and Richmond, Va.

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