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**“New Hire Announcement”**

August 28, 2006, George M. Ellis has joined Benjamin Franklin Bank as Business Development Officer, and will be based in the Bank’s new Wellesley office, which is located in the Frasier Medical Building, at 330 Washington Street in Wellesley Hills.

Ellis is a native of Wellesley, went through the public school system, and was a 1970 graduate of Wellesley Senior High School. George received his B.A. in English from Nasson College in Maine. He obtained his MBA in Finance from Babson College in Wellesley.

His career in banking began at Framingham Savings Bank, (now part of TD Banknorth) where he worked for 16 years, and rose to the rank of Senior Vice President, responsible for residential, commercial and consumer lending activities of the bank. In 1990, he became a partner of Market Intelligence Services, providing consulting and REO marketing services to banks and developers. In 1993, he joined Grove Bank in Chestnut Hill, where he was Senior Vice President of Retail Lending, until the bank was purchased by Citizens Bank in 1997.

George, and his wife Donna Ellis, founded Mortgage Advisory Group, Inc. in 1997. Their mortgage company, based on Linden Street in Wellesley for 9 years, provided residential mortgages for homeowners wishing to buy or refinance their home.

Reporting directly to the Senior Vice President of Retail Banking at Benjamin Franklin Bank, Ellis will be responsible for business development in Wellesley and surrounding towns.

When considering the move back into banking, George commented that “We loved working in Wellesley, it’s such a great community. And it’s a great feeling to now be able to offer a broader array of products to the many clients I’ve been privileged to work with over the years. Working with the people at Benjamin Franklin, allows me to meet more of the needs of the people who have come to trust, and count on me over, the years.”

George resides in Wellesley with his wife Donna, who now works at Wellesley College, and their son Michael, a senior at Wellesley High School.