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San Fernando Valley Business Journal Recognizes Mission Valley Bank Jahun Smith as “Most Trusted Advisor – Business Banker” Honoree

SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA (August 14, 2013) The San Fernando Valley Business Journal named Mission Valley Bank’s Vice President Branch Manager Jahun Smith as a “Most Trusted Advisor – Business Banker” honoree at the 2013 Trusted Advisors Awards reception Tuesday at the Universal Hilton. Smith’s honor makes a three-peat win for Mission Valley Bank.

For the third consecutive year, a Mission Valley Bank nominee has been honored as the journal’s “Most Trusted Advisor - Business Banker” award. Marianne Cederlind, senior vice president and chief business banking officer of Mission Valley Bank, was named “Most Trusted Advisor – Business Banker” in 2012. President and CEO Tamara Gurney took the title in 2011, as well as receiving the inaugural “Trailblazer” award that same year. The three-peat win means Mission Valley Bank has earned the “Most Trusted Advisor – Business Banker” title every year since the award’s inception.

This year’s recipient, Smith, earned his recognition as a Trusted Advisor in the business banking discipline through his hands-on client/relationship management style. Smith’s clients include small to mid-sized businesses throughout the Los Angeles region with focus in the entertainment, manufacturing and professional service industries.

“Jahun has successfully built his portfolio through referrals by creating an environment of reciprocity where he works to connect the business community to each other, creating positive results for everyone,” Gurney said. “He prides himself on the strength of his customer relationships and developing a lasting rapport with each, which has earned him his role as a Trusted Advisor.”

Smith brings almost 20 years of experience to Mission Valley Bank. After earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from San Diego State University, he practiced in every aspect of the industry from loan and deposit operations to branch management. Smith currently manages the operations and production of the bank’s headquarters.

Smith’s commitment to excellence in the industry extends to community service, as well. He is current treasurer for the Rotary of Sun Valley Club and the Rotary Foundation of Sun Valley. Smith is also an active member of the American Society of Composer Authors and Publishers.

About Mission Valley Bank

Mission Valley Bank is a full-service, independent, commercial bank specializing in the banking needs of small to medium businesses in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys. The Bank was chartered in July 2001, with a vision of local ownership and a commitment to providing financial solutions to meet the needs of its clients.

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