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## **BankRI Hires Emily Desautel to Lead Lincoln Branch**

*Long-time banking professional and Cumberland resident comes to BankRI*

**PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** is pleased to announce the hiring of Emily Desautel as the new Branch Manager of the Bank’s Lincoln location, bringing with her more than 25 years of experience in the banking industry.

As Branch Manager, Desautel is responsible for managing the daily operations of the Lincoln office, overseeing the development of new business and individual banking customers while maintaining existing customer relationships, and growing the Bank’s deposit base. She is also responsible for training the branch’s staff of financial professionals with a focus on delivering impeccable customer service.

Prior to joining BankRI, Desautel served as a Branch Manager with Santander Bank.

“Emily is an excellent addition to the BankRI team, where her banking and managerial experience will help enhance the delivery of services offered through our Lincoln branch,” said Steven Parente, Senior Vice President, Director of Retail Banking for BankRI. “Being a resident of northern Rhode Island, Emily also brings with her an intimate knowledge of the communities she’ll serve, which will be an asset to both our customers and the Bank.”

Desautel is a resident of Cumberland, where she lives with her husband and son. She is fluent in French, Portuguese and English, and studied business after completing her GED upon moving to the United States. Emily is an active volunteer with Special Olympics Rhode Island, a member of the Bightridge Social Club in East Providence, and the past Treasurer of the Salvation Army in Pawtucket.

### **About Bank Rhode Island**

Bank Rhode Island, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:BRKL), is a full-service, FDIC-insured financial institution headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island. The bank operates 19 branches and more than 55 ATMs throughout Providence, Kent and Washington Counties. For more information, visit [www.BANKRHODEISLAND.com](http://www.BANKRHODEISLAND.com).

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