



Barrington Bank and Trust Creates Private Bank for Physicians.

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BARRINGTON, Ill., Nov. 15 /PRNewswire/ -- Barrington Bank and Trust Company, an affiliate of Wintrust Financial Corp., announced today it has established a new private banking service to satisfy the personal and professional financial services needs of physicians. The new entity is called Physicians' Financial Care, <http://www.physiciansfinancialcare.com/>.

"A variety of factors, such as delayed entry into the workplace, regulatory pressures on income and expenses and liability risks create a special set of financial planning and business management needs for physicians," said Jorge Russe, senior vice president, Barrington Bank and Trust and lead executive for Physicians' Financial Care. "What will set Physicians' Financial Care apart is its ability to combine money-center bank sophistication in the delivery of financial products and services with the accessibility and personal attention offered by a community bank."

Russe added that another benefit for physicians who work with the private bank will be one-stop shopping to leverage community resources as needed, such as accountants, attorneys, insurance carriers and information-technology specialists.

Services offered by Physicians' Financial Care are customized to meet the needs of physicians at all career levels -- from those in practice less than five years to doctors contemplating retirement. "Younger doctors tend to come out of residency burdened with heavy student-loan debt and can benefit from comprehensive wealth planning," said Russe. "Mid-career doctors should focus on wealth accumulation and the financial discipline it takes to achieve long-term financial security, while those thinking about retirement want to preserve their wealth and also may need estate planning and trust services, as well as business advice for selling or transferring their practices."

Barrington dermatologist Amy J. Derick, MD opened her practice this month and enlisted help from Physicians' Financial Care for financing and other financial consulting services. "As a new practitioner, the bank gave me real-time, practical business advice and introduced me

to accountants, attorneys and other local support professionals who specialize in health care," said Derick.

About Barrington Bank and Wintrust

Barrington Bank and Trust is a true community bank offering personal service and wide range of quality financial products. Being locally controlled and managed allows bank executives to make decisions quickly and provide customized services and products that truly benefit local residents and businesses.

Wintrust Financial Corporation is a financial holding company headquartered in Lake Forest, Ill. with total assets of \$8.2 billion as of Dec. 31, 2005. Wintrust operates 13 community banks in the greater Chicago and southern Wisconsin areas with 62 banking facilities.

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