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John Figlewski Joins NorthStar Bank as Chief Credit Officer

Tampa, Fla., May 29th, 2012 – NorthStar Bank announces John Figlewski as Chief Credit Officer. Mr. Figlewski's thirty plus years of commercial banking experience has concentrated in the Credit Risk Management arena of mid-sized regional banking institutions. In his role as Chief Credit Officer at Northstar Bank, John will be responsible for credit policy and loan administration.

Prior to joining the team at NorthStar Bank, Mr. Figlewski served as a credit analyst, credit department manager, senior credit officer, executive risk manager, and enterprise risk manager for institutions with assets between $100 million and $5 billion. Responsibilities included: underwriting commercial loan requests, chairing the executive loan committees, managing loan and risk policy, problem asset resolution, regulatory and executive management reporting and assisting loan production efforts with loan structuring alternatives.

Since 1994, Mr. Figlewski has resided in the Tampa Bay Region with his family. Mr. Figlewski received a BSBA degree in Economics from Bryant University and graduate studies in Finance from Western Connecticut State University.

NorthStar Bank, opened in 2007, is an independent community bank in Florida with assets exceeding $200 million. NorthStar Bank was founded on the principle of building solid customer relationships while providing outstanding personalized service along with utilizing the latest banking innovations and technology. NorthStar Bank is rated 5 Stars by **BauerFinancial** (www.bauerfinancial.com), the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm.

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