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Prothero named Chief Operating Officer, Commercial Banking at MB Financial Bank

(Chicago – September 15, 2008) – Tom Prothero, 39, of River Forest was recently named chief operating officer, commercial banking of MB Financial Bank.

Prothero, who was promoted from his position as senior vice president and senior credit officer at MB, has 20 years of financial services experience. He joined MB in 1998 as vice president, lending administration and worked his way up to vice president, commercial banking and senior vice president, commercial division manager. Prothero earned his bachelor's degree from DePauw University, his MBA from Dominican University and he attended the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin. He is a board member of the Dominican University Advisory Council.

MB Financial Bank's holding company, MB Financial, Inc., is traded on the NASDAQ as "MBFI." MB Financial has approximately \$8.4 billion in assets. MB Financial Bank ([www.mbfinancial.com](http://www.mbfinancial.com)) is a locally-operated financial institution that has been delivering competitive personalized service for almost 100 years to businesses and individuals who live and work in the Chicago metropolitan area.

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