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**Watts named Chief Credit Officer at MB Financial Bank**

(Chicago – September 15, 2008) – Tom Watts of Downers Grove was recently named chief credit officer of MB Financial Bank.

With nearly 30 years of financial services experience, Watts was promoted from his position as senior vice president, commercial banking. He joined MB in 2001 from American National Bank & Trust Company where he held various positions since 1980 including senior vice president & group head asset based finance. Watts earned his bachelor's degree from Pitzer College and his MBA from University of Iowa. He is member of the National Commercial Finance Association.

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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