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**MARQUIS BANK NAMES BERNARDO ARGUDIN  
AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

North Miami Beach, FL – The board of directors of North Miami Beach-based Marquis Bank has named Bernardo Argudin as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Argudin brings 37 years of banking experience to the \$70 million institution. Marquis recently raised \$7.2 million in capital from a small number of South Florida-based strategic investors. As a result of the additional capital infusion, the Bank now has over \$21 million in Tier 1 Capital and is well positioned for growth.

Argudin began his career in 1973 as a national bank examiner with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency where he served for nine years. He began his Miami banking career in 1986 at Republic National Bank of Miami where he served for more than 13 years, rising to the position of executive vice president and chief financial officer and a member of the Bank’s board of directors. He has also served in senior management positions with the Miami agency of Dresdner Bank Lateinamerika AG, Bank United, FSB and Premier American Bank. Most recently, Bernardo served as a banking consultant for a St. Lucie County-based financial institution.

Argudin is a certified public accountant and a graduate of the University of Florida with an MBA degree and a BS degree in Chemical Engineering. He is also a graduate of the University of South Florida with a Masters of Accountancy degree.

“We are extremely pleased to bring someone with Bernie’s experience and background to Marquis Bank. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership and banking skills throughout his 37-year career. This is part of our continuing effort to attract management talent to our growing institution,” said Javier Holtz, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer.

Marquis Bank is a full-service community bank dedicated to serving business owners, professionals, and investors. Marquis has successfully blended convenient state-of-the-art technology with personal attention to create an exceptional banking experience for their clients. For more information, please contact 305-651-2900 or visit [www.marquisbank.com](http://www.marquisbank.com) to experience the mark of excellence.

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