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**Jo Anne Seel Joins First Sound Bank
As Vice President and Relationship Manager**

SEATTLE, June 9, 2009 – Jo Anne Seel has joined First Sound Bank as vice president and relationship manager with the responsibility of expanding the bank’s commercial and industrial portfolio.

Seel brings to First Sound 19 years of commercial banking experience in marketing and relationship management, including four years in new market development roles overseas. She began her banking career with Key Bank in 1991, where she spent five years as an assistant vice president and relationship manager prior to joining the U.S.-Russia Investment Fund and serving as a vice president and senior bank advisor in Vladivostok and Sakhalin Island, Russia from 1996-1999. Seel then spent two years with Caterpillar Financial Services, working as an international accounts manager in charge of maritime project finance for the western U.S., Canada and Pacific Islands. For the past seven years, she has served as a vice president and senior relationship manager in Commercial Banking with Frontier Bank, Viking Bank and Key Bank.

Seel graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with minors in art history and science and gained 12 years of graphic design and advertising experience prior to completing her MBA in international business and finance at the University of Washington in 1987.

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First Sound Bank was founded in July 2004. With \$247 million in assets, the bank and its dedicated 77-person staff serve clients from its downtown Seattle office and its leasing company in Bellevue.

About First Sound Bank

Seattle-based First Sound Bank (OTCBB:FSWA) offers customized banking for small- to medium-sized businesses, organizations, not-for-profits and professionals in the Puget Sound region. Founded by a team of veteran local banking executives, it is committed to delivering personalized service, convenient access and competitive rates to support the needs of the business community. The bank offers online banking at www.firstsoundbank.com plus an expansive banking network in the western U.S., as well as ATM banking throughout the country and abroad. On March 1, 2008, First Sound Bank purchased a majority of the assets of Puget Sound Leasing Company, Inc. – a small ticket, business-to-business leasing company – and established Puget Sound Leasing as a division of First Sound Bank.

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