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Van Griffin Joins First Sound Bank Board of Directors

SEATTLE, December 11, 2007 – Van Griffin has been named a director of First Sound Bank (OTCBB:FSWA), filling a current vacancy on the bank’s nine-member board.

Griffin is an executive vice president with Griffin Underwriting Services, an esteemed provider of underwriting services for the property and casualty insurance industry, where he oversees the development and implementation of special projects and is responsible for the overall performance of the wholesale agency. Founded in 1928, the family-owned company is headquartered in Bellevue, Washington and has branch offices in Portland and Spokane.

Griffin graduated from Arizona State University with a B.S. degree in political science and has over 15 years of experience in various underwriting and management positions with Griffin Underwriting and Guaranty National Insurance Company of Englewood, Colorado. He also is an Excess and Surplus Lines broker and holds a Washington Agent Property and Casualty license.

Actively involved in the industry, Griffin serves on the board of the Surplus Lines Association of Washington and as a member of the Washington/Alaska Professional Insurance Agents (PIA) Conference Committee. He is a past member of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Washington (IIABW) Young Agents Committee and the American Association of Managing General Agents (AAMGA)

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Inter-Association Liaison Committee and has served as past vice chair of the AAMGA Under-Forty Organization.

“Van has been a strong supporter of First Sound Bank since we opened, and he’ll be a very active board member,” said First Sound Bank Chairman and CEO Don Hirtzel. “He brings lots of enthusiasm for marketing and developing new business, and he understands his role of helping us by making good referrals,” he added.

First Sound Bank was founded in July 2004 with initial oversubscribed investor capital of \$20 million – at the time, the most equity ever raised by a *de novo* bank in the Northwest. Then, in the fall of 2006, the bank raised another oversubscribed \$11 million in capital to fund future expansion in the region. With over \$170 million in assets, the bank serves clients with a dedicated 35-person staff located in its downtown Seattle office, and through a statewide network of 463 correspondent bank affiliates.

About First Sound Bank

First Sound Bank is a Seattle-based bank offering 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, First Sound Bank is committed to delivering personalized service, convenient access and competitive rates to support the needs of the business community. First Sound 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.

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