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Kate Allen Rott Joins CoastalStates Bank as Vice President, Commercial Lender

SAVANNAH, Ga., - CoastalStates Bank is pleased to announce that Kate Allen Rott has joined the CoastalStates team as Vice President of Commercial Lending for the Savannah market.

With over 11 years of experience in the banking industry, Ms. Rott is expected to play a key role in CoastalStates Bank's continuing expansion into the Savannah market. "Kate's knowledge and expertise when it comes to business development, credit analysis and underwriting, deal structuring, and all aspects of relationship management will be an asset to our clients and our team at CoastalStates Bank," said Senior Vice President Brian Smith. "More importantly, Kate understands what 'Local' means to Savannah. With her leadership, we are poised to strengthen our presence and continue our growth within the Coastal Empire."

Lott received a Bachelor of Arts in German Studies from Principia College, and obtained her Master of Arts in German Studies from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is an active member of the community and currently serves on the Small Business Assistance Corporation (SBAC) Loan Committee, the Savannah Technical College Community Council, and is a former member of the Savannah Triathlon Club. Lott enjoys cycling and participating in triathlons. She completed an Ironman distance competition in 2014 in less than 12.5 hours.

About CoastalStates Bank

In addition to its commercial lending centers in Savannah and Atlanta, CoastalStates Bank operates through four full service branches in Hilton Head Island and Bluffton, South Carolina. With the addition of its newest division, Foothills Community Bank, CoastalStates also operates two full service branches in Cumming and Dawsonville, Georgia. The combined company has approximately \$575 million in total assets.

Since 2004, CoastalStates Bank has been headquartered on Hilton Head Island, SC, to offer a full-service line of personal and business banking products and services. CoastalStates Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CoastalSouth Bancshares, Inc. (OTCQX: COSO).

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