

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite names Williams banking officer**

Bank of Granite recently promoted Commercial Lender Lee E. Williams to banking officer. Senior Vice President and Mecklenburg Regional Executive Samuel M. Black made the announcement. "Lee's customers repeatedly comment on his diligence and outstanding service," said Black. "He is a true asset to the bank and our customers. We expect great things from him as part of our officer group."

Williams first joined Bank of Granite in 2001 working as a summer intern during his years in college. He received his bachelor's degree in economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2004. He has been working with the commercial lending group at the bank's Uptown Charlotte office since graduation.

Originally from Lenoir, Williams and his wife Sara live in Charlotte where they are members of Forest Hill Church. He is active in the Charlotte Jaycees and recently coordinated the bank's School Tools efforts; a program to collect new school supplies for needy children.

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRAN." The bank operates 22 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Watauga, and Wilkes counties, and a lending office in Guilford County. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville and Salisbury, NC.

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