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**For Immediate Release:**

**Monroe Credit Advisors Opens Boston Office, Expands Team**

Chicago, IL - Monroe Credit Advisors, a firm that specializes in helping companies and their investors obtain debt capital, announced that it is expanding operations by opening of a new office in Boston, and adding two Directors to its Chicago-based staff. The opening of the Boston office grows the firm beyond its original Chicago-based headquarters, where it has operated since mid 2009 behind the leadership of Managing Partners Mark Gertzof and Christopher Gentry, who together have over 40 years combined leveraged finance experience. Joining them and running the new office are two seasoned credit professionals, Linda Crothers and Katherine Brand.

“We are very excited to be able to add great talent to our team like Linda and Katherine,” said Gertzof. “In addition to expanding our coverage, their expertise enhances the quality of service we provide our clients, which is to help them find credit solutions at optimal terms in a challenging market.”

Linda Crothers has been in the banking and leasing business for over 25 years, including senior positions at Bank of America (and legacy firms Bank of Boston and Fleet Bank). Most recently she was president of a bank subsidiary, Bank of America Public Capitals Corp. She has managed teams covering small middle market through large corporate clients, originating and syndicating tax leases. She also has particular expertise in renewable energy, tax exempt, healthcare and state tax credits.

Katherine Brand has over 16 years of corporate and middle market banking experience, including twelve years as a senior vice president at Bank of America (and legacy firms Bank Boston and Fleet Bank) in the Specialized Finance Group. Prior to joining the Bank Boston, Katherine worked at Shawmut Corp., where she completed a formal credit training program and worked as a credit analyst.

In addition to Ms. Crothers and Ms. Brand, the firm also hired Brent Krameck and Michael Meyer to its Chicago office.



“Brent and Mike are great additions to our team,” said Gertzof. “Their track record in originating and underwriting credit facilities for both companies and private equity firms is critical to our being able to provide the best possible service to our clients.”

Brent Krambeck has over 12 years of experience structuring and underwriting middle market debt transactions, most recently as vice president of GE Capital’s \$3.6 billion Unitranche Fund, where he structured and underwrote leveraged finance transactions that blended senior and junior debt pricing and terms into a single-source financing solution. Prior to that he was a vice president at Merrill Lynch Capital, where he originated and underwrote asset based and cash flow loans for middle market companies and private equity sponsors. He began his lending career at US Bank in Minneapolis as a commercial banking officer; underwriting and managing a portfolio of middle market loans to Minnesota domiciled companies and entrepreneurs.

Michael Meyer has a successful track record of cash flow and asset based middle market lending and equity buy-side experience. He most recently worked at a hedge fund performing equity buy-side analysis. Prior to this experience, he worked within Merrill Lynch Capital’s Corporate Finance Group, where he served as a vice president and was responsible for all aspects of deal origination, underwriting/due diligence, approval, portfolio management and administration. Prior to Merrill Lynch Capital, he spent six years with Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services (BFS) focused on structuring and underwriting small and middle market loans.

The expansion of Monroe Credit Advisors reflects a growing demand for advisory expertise as the current market continues to bring challenges for both borrowers and their investors in the way they access capital as well as the resources they need to manage the process.

### **About Monroe Credit Advisors**

Monroe Credit Advisors delivers debt capital solutions to middle market companies and their investors through strategies built for today’s turbulent credit markets. With a team comprised of leveraged finance professionals who have closed hundreds of transactions, their value is in their ability to provide informed advice backed up by an execution-driven process. The firm assists both middle market companies as well as private equity firms in managing the time-consuming process of managing a disparate group of lenders to deliver funds for almost any need, including new acquisitions and “challenged” portfolio situations. Monroe Credit Advisors also serves financial institutions and other opportunistic investors on originating debt opportunities and providing other agency services. For more information, visit [www.monroecredit.com](http://www.monroecredit.com).