

**BRATHWAITE APPOINTED EXECUTIVE VICE
PRESIDENT, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AT
BNC FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

April 1, 2013 – Gail E. D. Brathwaite has joined BNC Financial Group as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, it was announced today by Peyton R. Patterson, CEO of the holding company that owns The Bank of New Canaan, The Bank of Fairfield and Stamford First Bank.

“As Chief Operating Officer, Gail will head up our Deposit and Loan Operations, Information Technology, Human Resources and Facilities Departments,” notes Patterson. “She is a highly accomplished bank executive with extensive and diverse experience across many areas of banking, and we are extremely fortunate to have someone of her caliber on our team. She will be a tremendous asset in the continuing growth of the company.”

As the former Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NewAlliance Bank, Ms. Brathwaite was instrumental in the operational transformation from a mutual bank to a New York Stock Exchange listed public company. She led the integration efforts in the company’s initial public offering, simultaneous acquisitions of two banks, and four subsequent acquisitions.

Her banking career began at Dime Savings Bank of New York, where she held various positions, including Senior Vice President, Director of Branch Administration, Compliance and Loss Control, Chief of Staff of the Mortgage Banking division, Director of Service Quality, District Manager and Branch Manager.

Ms. Brathwaite most recently held the position of President and CEO for GEDB LLC, a consulting company.

Additional information about BNC Financial Group and its banks can be found on the bank websites: www.bankofnewcanaan.com, www.thebankoffairfield.com and www.stamfordfirstbank.com.