

Washington Trust CEO Joseph J. MarcAurele Joins Dental Delta of Rhode Island Board of Directors



PROVIDENCE, RI - September 2010 - Joseph J. MarcAurele, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Washington Trust Company was named to the Board of Directors of Delta Dental of Rhode Island during the dental insurer's recent Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

"We are very pleased to welcome a business and community leader of Joe's caliber to our Board of Directors," said Delta Dental of Rhode Island President & CEO Joseph A. Nagle. "Joe's talents and experiences will benefit our corporation, as well as help us set our strategic direction."

Mr. MarcAurele is a proven leader and is well-respected in the Rhode Island market, and in his role at Washington Trust, he heads one of the premier financial services companies in the northeast as well as the largest independent bank headquartered in Rhode Island. He previously served as President of Citizens Bank Rhode Island, a division of RBS Citizens, N.A. from 2007 to 2009 and also held positions of President and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Bank entities in Rhode Island and Connecticut. He held a series of positions of executive leadership at Citizens Bank from 1993 in the areas of commercial lending, wealth management and private banking. His early banking career included seven years at Fleet Financial Group with a concentration in commercial lending and credit analysis.

A lifelong Rhode Island resident, MarcAurele serves on the President's Council of Providence College, chairs the Governor's Workforce Board of Rhode Island and is also on the Board of Directors of Rhode Island Hospital and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. Mr. MarcAurele also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the both The Washington Trust Company and Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. He is well-known for his dedication to the local community and was recognized with the "2010 Public Service Award" from Phoenix Houses of New England and the "Hometown Hero Award" from the Pawtucket Red Sox and Cox Communications for his leadership and commitment to community service initiatives. MarcAurele is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and a member of the Pawtucket Hall of Fame.

Delta Dental of Rhode Island is the state's largest dental insurer. The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries administer dental benefits for more than 700,000 members. The mission of Delta Dental is to improve the dental health of the people of Rhode Island by providing well-managed, high quality and affordable dental care products which are both financially viable and responsive to marketplace needs. www.deltadentalri.com