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## **Heartland Bank Hires Marlene Stuart, Kirk Okada As Mortgage Loan Officers**

**DENVER, CO (JULY 7, 2010)** --- Heartland Bank has announced the hiring of Marlene Stuart and Kirk S. Okada as Mortgage Loan Officers for the bank's Denver office.

Ms. Stuart joins Heartland Bank with more than 30 years experience in the Colorado real estate and mortgage profession. She has helped borrowers purchase primary residences, second homes, condominiums, investment homes, lot loans and new construction loans. Ms. Stuart is a Denver resident and enjoys spending time with her three grown children and her eight grandchildren.

Mr. Okada brings 15 years of banking and real estate experience to his new position with Heartland Bank. A graduate of the University of Colorado, Mr. Okada is a licensed real estate broker in the state of Colorado, and specializes in relationship lending. He's an avid traveler and enjoys judging barbeque contests, and is even certified by the Kansas City Barbeque Society.

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