

**OCEAN BANK PROMOTES LAZARO MARTINEZ TO SENIOR VICE
PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS SUPPORT MANAGER**

MIAMI, Fla. — June 24, 2009 — Ocean Bank has promoted Lázaro A. Martínez to senior vice president, operations support manager. In his new capacity, Martinez will oversee the following departments: Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Operations, ATM, CIF, Bookkeeping, Purchasing and Operation Services (Tax Identification Number Validation (TIN), CDs, Research, Document Imaging). His new responsibilities include monitoring operations, developing and supervising staff and providing a high level of customer relations and service, while ensuring compliance with bank policies and procedures.

Prior to his promotion, Martinez was a vice president, main branch operations officer at Ocean Bank. Martinez, who has over 20 years of banking experience in operations, has been with Ocean Bank since 1997. Before that, Martinez was with Republic National Bank for 13 years, building his way up from head teller to assistant branch manager.

Martinez has completed his certificates for Bank Operations and for General Banking/Consumer & Commercial Loans through Miami-Dade College's Certified Financial Training CFT. He is also AML Certified through the Florida International Bankers Association (FIBA).

Ocean Bank is the largest independent, state-chartered commercial bank headquartered in Florida, with more than \$4.6 billion in assets. Chartered in 1982, Ocean Bank operates a network of 21 branches throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The community bank has received numerous awards and accolades from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, The Beacon Council and the Florida Department of Education, among others, for its support of our South Florida communities. For more information, log on to www.oceanbank.com.