



# 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Shareholders' Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

5:30 – 5:45 PM

Details and Registration: [stmarysbank.com/events](https://stmarysbank.com/events)

## Nominee Information for Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee, and Credit Committee

Submitted by St. Mary's Bank's Nominating Committee

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### THREE-YEAR TERM



**Jason E. Cole, Esq.**, 48, has served on SMB's supervisory committee since 2020. He is a Shareholder at the law firm of Bernstein Shur. Prior to joining Bernstein Shur, he served as vice president and general counsel for Catholic Medical Center (CMC), and was previously a shareholder at Devine, Millimet & Branch, Professional Association. Prior to attending law school, Jason served as an auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers focusing on financial services and non-profit organizations. He subsequently served as assistant international controller at the State Street Corporation. Jason has served on various Boards in New Hampshire including the Granite United Way where he served on the audit, finance, and governance committees, the board of the N.H. Society of Certified Public Accountants and the board of trustees of Manchester Historic Assn., where he was recognized with their 2010 President's Award. In 2013, Jason was named to the N.H. Union Leader "40 Under Forty" list in recognition of his service to non-profits and participated in the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. In 2018, he received the National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the Daniel Webster Council, and he currently serves on the Board of the Camp Carpenter Foundation and on the advisory board of the Saint Anselm College Center for Ethics in Society. Jason is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School and earned an M.S. in Accountancy, an MBA from Northeastern University Graduate School of Professional Accounting, and a B.A. from Colgate University. He is a certified public accountant and a member of the N.H. Bar. Jason and his wife, Heidi, reside in Bedford with their three children.



**Elizabeth "Liz" Hitchcock**, 46, who has served on SMB's board of directors since 2015, is an entrepreneur and arts advocate in Manchester, New Hampshire, known for her community-focused projects. She founded Bookery Manchester in 2018, a hub for literature and local events. Liz also developed Manchester Distillery, creating artisanal fine spirits, at the Factory on Willow. The Factory on Willow is a residential and commercial space supporting artists, creators and entrepreneurs. Her work aims to enrich community life and promote the arts, as shown with her involvement in various art initiatives and her role in creating an Artist in Residence Program at the Factory on Willow. Liz supports the local tech ecosystem through the Millworks Fund II, as well as being an advisor to numerous startups. She has a BS in Computer Science from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and lives in Manchester with her family.

### SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

#### THREE-YEAR TERM



**Peter F. Richard**, 40, was elected to the SMB Supervisory Committee in 2024 and is the Corporate Controller at XMA Corporation, an Amphenol Company, where he has played a pivotal role in driving financial and operational strategy for nearly two decades. His leadership spans finance, accounting, operations, and human resources, including serving as general manager before XMA's acquisition by Amphenol. A New Hampshire native, Peter grew up in Raymond and graduated from Trinity High School. He earned a B.S. in business administration from Southern New Hampshire University and is currently an MBA candidate at Georgetown University. Committed to leadership development, he is an alum of both Leadership New Hampshire and Leadership Greater Manchester. Peter is deeply engaged in his community, serving as development chair for Webster House Children's Home, a trustee of the Manchester Historic Association, and a member of the Central Business Service District Advisory Board for the City of Manchester. Peter and his husband, Dana, reside in Manchester.

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## NOMINATIONS INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

### TWO-YEAR TERM



**Sr. Paula Marie Buley, IMH, 70**, is a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Immaculata, PA, and brings extensive experience in higher education administration. Before joining the Rivier community in 2011, she served as Executive Vice President of Administration at Seton Hall University and held senior roles at Anna Maria College, Mount St. Mary University, and Immaculata University. She holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.A.L.S. in Catholic Studies from Georgetown University, and an M.B.A. from Villanova University. Sister Paula's professional service has included extensive experience in the development and implementation of comprehensive master plans and programs which support teaching and learning excellence. As an educator and leader, she has a deep appreciation of the history, vision, and mission to transform hearts and minds to serve the world. Sister Paula's research interests include issues of organizational governance and leadership in higher education.

### CREDIT COMMITTEE

#### ONE-YEAR TERM



**David H. Bellman, 65**, has served on SMB's board of directors since 2010. He is president and co-founder of Bellman Jewelers, Inc. David serves as chairman of the Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation and as a trustee for Frederick Smyth Institute of Music. He previously served on the board of the N.H. Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and on the advisory board for the N.H. Higher Education Assistance Foundation for Manchester Community College. David is a graduate of Southern N.H. University with a BS in Business Finance, a graduate of the University of Southern California Graduate School of Business Administration's Executive Program/Jewelers Management Institute, a graduate of the Gemological Institute of America's Graduate Gemologist Degree Program, the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Program, and the Leadership N.H. Program. A resident of Hooksett, David has a son and two daughters.



**Jason E. Cole** (See biography on reverse side)



**Craig S. Donais, Esq., 54**, was elected to SMB's board of directors in 2020. He served on SMB's supervisory committee from 2011 to 2020. He is an attorney with Wadleigh, Starr & Peters, PLLC, having joined the firm in 2019, and is admitted to practice law in N.H., Mass., Maine, and Conn. Prior to starting his own firm in 2009, he served as law clerk to Justices Horton and Johnson at the N.H. Supreme Court, as an assistant attorney general for the State of N.H., and in private firms. Craig is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Mass. at Amherst and cum laude graduate of Suffolk University Law School. He is President of the Daniel Webster Council of the Boy Scouts of America (Scouting America – New Hampshire), a past trustee of the Manchester Historic Assn., a past president of the Queen City Rotary Club, a past president of the Franco-American Centre, and a past member of The Salvation Army Advisory Board. Craig and his wife, Mary Kate, reside in Manchester and have two adult sons.



**William E. Stevens, 55**, is president and owner of Harvey Construction, one of New Hampshire's leading commercial construction firms. Under his leadership, Harvey has been honored with many awards, including the Sustainable Building of the Year and Merit Award for the Phillips Exeter Academy William Boyce Thompson Field House. A graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, Bill oversees Harvey's business and construction operations and is responsible for building long-term relationships with clients, architects, and engineers and for establishing the company's strategic direction. He currently serves on the board for Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH, NH Business Committee for the Arts, is a member of the Manchester Country Club Finance Committee, is a member of the N.H. Associated General Contractors Building and PAC Committee and serves as a Palace Theatre Trustee Emeritus. Bill and his wife, Jayna, reside in Hooksett and have three adult children.