

## BERKSHIRE HILLS PROMOTES JOHNSTON TO CHIEF HR OFFICER

Berkshire Hills Bancorp has promoted Linda Johnston to chief human resources officer. Johnston has been with Berkshire Bank for more than 27 years and most recently served as vice president of human resources.

The company also announced Sean Gray was promoted to executive vice president.

"Sean and Linda have been instrumental in developing the distinctive brand and culture of Berkshire Bank," said Michael P. Daly, president and CEO. "They have contributed to our growth as the largest locally headquartered regional bank, serving a three-state market. These promotions recognize their many contributions to building our Berkshire Bank team and enhancing our earnings strength, as well as their leadership positions in our Company."

Johnston is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management and the Northeast Human Resources Association. A lifelong resident of Berkshire County, she formerly served as a Director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council and is a past Co-Chair and Treasurer of the Berkshire County Sportsmen for Land Preservation. She has also served as a volunteer for United Way, Hospice and the American Cancer Society.

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