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Signature Bank Reports 2011 Third Quarter Results

- | **Net Income for the 2011 Third Quarter Reached a Record \$38.4 Million, or \$0.83 Diluted Earnings Per Share, an Increase of \$11.0 Million, or 40.2 Percent, from \$27.4 Million, or \$0.66 Diluted Earnings Per Share, Reported in the 2010 Third Quarter**
- | **Average Deposits for the 2011 Third Quarter Increased \$552.6 Million, or 5.2 Percent**
- | **Deposits in the 2011 Third Quarter Rose \$313.9 Million to \$11.19 Billion. Deposits for the First Nine Months of 2011 Increased \$1.75 Billion, or 18.5 Percent, Since December 31, 2010. Excluding the Outflow of \$219.4 Million of Short-Term Escrow Deposits, Core Deposits Increased \$525.8 Million for the 2011 Third Quarter**
- | **Loans Increased \$336.1 Million, or 5.5 Percent, to \$6.44 Billion for the 2011 Third Quarter. Loans for the First Nine Months of 2011 Grew \$1.2 Billion, or 22.9 Percent**
- | **Non-Accrual Loans Were \$51.1 Million, or 0.79 Percent of Total Loans, at September 30, 2011, Versus \$44.2 Million, or 0.72 Percent, at the End of the 2011 Second Quarter**
- | **Net Interest Margin Was 3.51 Percent for the 2011 Third Quarter Compared with 3.64 Percent for the 2011 Second Quarter and 3.41 Percent for the 2010 Third Quarter. The Linked-Quarter Decline Was Due to a Decrease in Loan Prepayment Penalty Income (\$1.5 Million, or 5 Basis Points in Margin) and Increased Average Cash Balances From Capital Raise (4 Basis Points in Margin)**
- | **Core Net Interest Margin for the 2011 Third Quarter was 3.50 Percent Compared to 3.54 Percent for the 2011 Second Quarter, Excluding Loan Prepayment Penalty Income in Both Quarters and the Effect of the Increase in Average Cash Balances Due to the Capital Raise in the 2011 Third Quarter**
- | **Tier 1 Leverage, Tier 1 Risk-Based and Total Risk-Based Capital Ratios were 9.84 Percent, 17.28 Percent and 18.37 Percent, Respectively, at September 30, 2011. Signature Bank Remains Significantly Above FDIC "Well-Capitalized" Standards. Tangible Common Equity Ratio was 9.85 Percent**
- | **In July 2011, the Bank Successfully Raised \$253.3 Million from the Sale of Common Stock in a Public Offering**
- | **One Private Client Banking Team Joined During the 2011 Third Quarter; Six Joined During the First Nine Months of 2011**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Signature Bank (Nasdaq: SBNY), a New York-based full-service commercial bank, today announced results for its quarter ended September 30, 2011.

Net income for the 2011 third quarter reached a record \$38.4 million, or \$0.83 diluted earnings per share, versus \$27.4 million, or \$0.66 diluted earnings per share, for the 2010 third quarter. The record net income for the 2011 third quarter, versus the comparable quarter last year, is primarily due to an increase in net interest income, fueled by core deposit growth and strong loan growth. These factors were partially offset by increases in the provision for loan losses and non-interest expenses.

Net interest income for the 2011 third quarter reached \$117.9 million, an increase of \$28.8 million, or 32.3 percent, when compared with the 2010 third quarter. This increase is primarily due to growth in average interest-earning assets. Total assets reached \$13.86 billion at September 30, 2011, up \$2.92 billion, or 26.7 percent, from \$10.93 billion at September 30, 2010. Average assets for the 2011 third quarter reached \$13.59 billion, up \$2.93 billion, or 27.4 percent, when compared with last year's third quarter.

Deposits for the 2011 third quarter rose \$313.9 million, or 2.9 percent, to \$11.19 billion at September 30, 2011. This includes core deposit growth of \$525.8 million, a decrease of \$219.4 million in short-term escrow deposits and an increase of \$7.6 million in brokered deposits. When compared with deposits at December 31, 2010, the overall deposit growth during the first nine months of 2011 totaled \$1.75 billion, or 18.5 percent. When compared with deposits at September 30, 2010, overall deposit growth for the past 12 months was 23.6 percent, or \$2.14 billion.

"The 2011 third quarter marks the eighth consecutive quarter in which Signature Bank reported record net income. Furthermore, in keeping with our commitment to our business model, we also grew deposits and loans considerably this quarter while attracting new private client banking teams to our network. Earlier in the year, we had projected the addition of four teams during 2011. Through the third quarter, we have already added six. Yesterday we added a seventh," explained Joseph J. DePaolo, President and Chief Executive Officer when commenting about the performance during the quarter.

"The disarray in the marketplace and eroding client loyalty at the mega-banks along with the current economic environment affords Signature Bank significant opportunity to attract clients. The capital raise we completed at the onset of the third quarter will help fuel our ongoing team and market expansion while confirming our commitment to depositor safety. While much has been written about our competitors cutting costs to become efficient and gain market share in this difficult economic environment for banks, Signature Bank's model has already proven to be efficient and was specifically created to gain market share. The focus on our core business model allows us to continue to grow core deposits, extend high-quality loans, attract disgruntled clients away from the mega-banks, hire experienced banking teams and ultimately grow net income," DePaolo said.

Scott A. Shay, Chairman of the Board, discussed the quarterly results: "While the banking industry remains mired with multiple challenges amid the sluggish economic landscape, Signature Bank has time and again demonstrated that our prudent and consistent management philosophy works for the Bank and our clients. We took the initiative by implementing several key steps including successfully raising capital despite the difficult economic surroundings and extending the duration of our investment portfolio several quarters ago. Additionally, we never stopped building loan loss reserves while others were releasing their reserves. These initiatives, along with our confirmed ability to gain market share on both the deposit and loan sides, will help Signature Bank mitigate the negative effect of the economic environment. By continuing to emphasize our core deposit-focused model and taking advantage of the market dislocation, Signature Bank stands well positioned for future growth and expansion."

Capital

In July 2011, the Bank raised \$253.3 million from the sale of common stock in a public offering. Proceeds from the offering will be used to further the Bank's growth in serving its market niche of privately owned businesses in the metro-New York area.

The Bank's Tier 1 leverage, Tier 1 risk-based and total risk-based capital ratios were approximately 9.84 percent, 17.28 percent and 18.37 percent, respectively, as of September 30, 2011. The Bank's strong risk-based capital ratios reflect the relatively low risk profile of the Bank's balance sheet. The Bank's tangible common equity ratio remains strong at 9.85 percent. The Bank defines the tangible common equity ratio as the ratio of tangible common equity to adjusted tangible assets and calculates this ratio by dividing total consolidated common shareholders' equity by consolidated total assets.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income for the 2011 third quarter was \$117.9 million, up \$28.8 million, or 32.3 percent, when compared with the comparable period a year ago, primarily as a result of growth in average interest-earning assets. Average interest-earning assets of \$13.34 billion for the 2011 third quarter represent an increase of \$2.96 billion, or 28.5 percent, from the 2010 third quarter. Yield on interest-earning assets for the 2011 third quarter decreased 16 basis points, to 4.43 percent, versus the 2010 third quarter. This decrease was primarily attributable to the continued effect of the prolonged low interest rate environment.

Average cost of deposits and average cost of funds for the 2011 third quarter decreased by 19 and 27 basis points to 0.83 percent and 1.00 percent, respectively, when compared with the 2010 third quarter. These decreases were predominantly due to the continued effect of the prolonged low interest rate environment.

Net interest margin for the 2011 third quarter was 3.51 percent versus 3.41 percent reported in the same period last year. On a linked quarter basis, net interest margin declined 13 basis points from 3.64 percent for the 2011 second quarter. The linked quarter decrease was primarily due to the prolonged low interest rate environment, lower loan prepayment penalty income of \$1.5 million, or 5 basis points, and the negative effect of approximately 4 basis points due to increased cash balances from the July 2011 capital raise.

Excluding loan prepayment penalty fees in both quarters and the effect of the increase in average cash balances due to the capital raise, linked quarter core margin declined 4 basis points.

Provision for Loan Losses

The Bank's provision for loan losses for the 2011 third quarter was \$12.1 million, up \$1.7 million, or 16.2 percent versus the comparable quarter last year. The increase was largely driven by growth in the Bank's loan portfolio.

Net charge-offs for the 2011 third quarter were \$7.0 million, or 0.44 percent of average loans on an annualized basis, versus \$7.7 million, or 0.53 percent, for the 2011 second quarter and \$6.8 million, or 0.56 percent, for the 2010 third quarter.

Non-Interest Income and Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest income for the third quarter of 2011 was \$8.8 million, down from \$11.3 million reported in the 2010 third quarter. The decline was driven by a \$3.3 million decrease in net gains on sales of securities, which was partially offset by a decrease of \$1.9 million in write-downs on other than temporary impairment of securities.

Non-interest expense for the 2011 third quarter was \$45.7 million, an increase of \$3.2 million, or 7.6 percent, when compared with \$42.5 million reported in the 2010 third quarter. The increase was primarily the result of the addition of new private client banking teams.

The Bank's efficiency ratio improved to 36.1 percent for the 2011 third quarter versus 42.3 percent for the same period a year ago. The improvement was primarily due to growth in net interest income coupled with expense containment.

Loans

Loans, excluding loans held for sale, grew \$336.1 million, or 5.5 percent, during the 2011 third quarter to \$6.44 billion, versus \$6.11 billion at June 30, 2011. At September 30, 2011, loans accounted for 46.5 percent of total assets, compared with 46.7 percent at the end of the 2011 second quarter and 44.8 percent at the end of 2010 third quarter. Average loans,

excluding loans held for sale, reached \$6.27 billion in the 2011 third quarter, growing \$412.5 million, or 7.0 percent, from the 2011 second quarter and \$1.47 billion, or 30.7 percent, from the 2010 third quarter. The increase in loans was primarily driven by growth in commercial real estate and multi-family loans underwritten within the Bank's stringent standards.

At September 30, 2011, non-accrual loans were \$51.1 million, representing 0.79 percent of total loans and 0.37 percent of total assets, compared with non-accrual loans of \$44.2 million, or 0.72 percent of total loans, at June 30, 2011 and \$33.8 million, or 0.69 percent of total loans, at September 30, 2010. At September 30, 2011, the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to total loans was 1.30 percent, versus 1.28 percent at June 30, 2011 and 1.40 percent at September 30, 2010. Additionally, the ratio of the allowance for loan losses to non-accrual loans, or the coverage ratio, was 163 percent at the end of the 2011 third quarter versus 177 percent at the end of the second quarter of 2011 and 203 percent at the end of the 2010 third quarter.

Conference Call

Signature Bank's management will host a conference call to review results of the 2011 third quarter on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 10:00 AM ET. All participants should dial 480-629-9770 at least ten minutes prior to the start of the call.

To hear a live web simulcast or to listen to the archived web cast following completion of the call, please visit the Bank's web site at www.signatureny.com, click on the "Investor Relations" tab and select "Company News," followed by "Conference Calls," to access the link to the call. To listen to a telephone replay of the conference call, please dial 303-590-3030 and enter reservation identification number 4478567. The replay will be available from approximately 12:00 PM ET on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 through 11:59 PM ET on Friday, October 28, 2011.

About Signature Bank

Signature Bank, member FDIC, is a New York-based full-service commercial bank with 25 private client offices throughout the New York metropolitan area. The Bank's growing network of private client banking teams serves the needs of privately owned businesses, their owners and senior managers. Signature Bank offers a wide variety of business and personal banking products and services as well as investment, brokerage, asset management and insurance products and services through its subsidiary, Signature Securities Group Corporation, a licensed broker-dealer, investment adviser and member FINRA/SIPC.

Signature Bank's 25 offices are located: In Manhattan (9) - 261 Madison Avenue; 300 Park Avenue; 71 Broadway; 565 Fifth Avenue; 950 Third Avenue; 200 Park Avenue South; 1020 Madison Avenue; 50 West 57th Street and 2 Penn Plaza. Brooklyn (3) - 26 Court Street; 84 Broadway and 6321 New Utrecht Avenue. Westchester (2) - 1C Quaker Ridge Road, New Rochelle and 360 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains. Long Island (6) - 1225 Franklin Avenue, Garden City; 279 Sunrise Highway, Rockville Centre; 68 South Service Road, Melville; 923 Broadway, Woodmere; 40 Cuttermill Road, Great Neck and 100 Jericho Quadrangle, Jericho. Queens (3) - 36-36 33rd Street, Long Island City; 78-27 37th Avenue, Jackson Heights and 8936 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica. Bronx (1) - 421 Hunts Point Avenue, Bronx. Staten Island (1) - 2066 Hylan Blvd.

For more information, please visit www.signatureny.com.

This press release and oral statements made from time to time by our representatives contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include information concerning our future results, interest rates and the interest rate environment, loan and deposit growth, loan performance, operations, new private client team hires, new office openings and business strategy. These statements often include words such as "may," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate" or other similar expressions. As you consider forward-looking statements, you should understand that these statements are not guarantees of performance or results. They involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These factors include but are not limited to: (i) prevailing economic conditions; (ii) changes in interest rates, loan demand, real estate values and competition, any of which can materially affect origination levels and gain on sale results in our business, as well as other aspects of our financial performance, including earnings on interest-bearing assets; (iii) the level of defaults, losses and prepayments on loans made by us, whether held in portfolio or sold in the whole loan secondary markets, which can materially affect charge-off levels and required credit loss reserve levels; (iv) changes in the banking and other financial services regulatory environment and (v) competition for qualified personnel and desirable office locations. Additional risks are described in our quarterly and annual reports filed with the FDIC. You should keep in mind that any forward-looking statements made by Signature Bank speak only as of the date on which they were made. New risks and uncertainties come up from time to time, and we cannot predict these events or how they may affect the Bank. Signature Bank has no duty to, and does not intend to, update or revise the forward-looking statements after the date on which they are made. In light of these risks and uncertainties, you should keep in mind that any forward-looking statement made in this release or elsewhere might not reflect actual results.

SIGNATURE BANK CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)

| (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts) | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME | | | | |

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|--|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Loans held for sale | \$ 845 | 1,095 | 2,809 | 2,711 |
| Loans, net | 85,887 | 68,229 | 242,487 | 193,906 |
| Securities available-for-sale | 56,870 | 46,280 | 165,281 | 132,347 |
| Securities held-to-maturity | 4,715 | 4,058 | 13,713 | 11,107 |
| Other short-term investments | 502 | 469 | 1,431 | 1,317 |
| Total interest income | 148,819 | 120,131 | 425,721 | 341,388 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE | | | | |
| Deposits | 23,545 | 22,602 | 68,662 | 66,032 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 5,804 | 6,001 | 16,602 | 18,809 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 1,610 | 2,423 | 5,937 | 7,594 |
| Other short-term borrowings | - | - | - | 1 |
| Total interest expense | 30,959 | 31,026 | 91,201 | 92,436 |
| Net interest income before provision for loan losses | 117,860 | 89,105 | 334,520 | 248,952 |
| Provision for loan losses | 12,122 | 10,433 | 37,295 | 32,794 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 105,738 | 78,672 | 297,225 | 216,158 |
| NON-INTEREST INCOME | | | | |
| Commissions | 2,172 | 2,289 | 6,872 | 6,560 |
| Fees and service charges | 3,770 | 3,356 | 11,451 | 10,403 |
| Net gains on sales of securities | 1,570 | 4,909 | 13,158 | 22,752 |
| Net gains on sales of loans | 1,095 | 2,251 | 3,247 | 4,608 |
| Other-than-temporary impairment losses on securities: | | | | |
| Total impairment losses on securities | (3,413) | (6,021) | (11,651) | (33,334) |
| Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income (before taxes) | 3,197 | 3,928 | 9,903 | 19,817 |
| Net impairment losses on securities recognized in earnings | (216) | (2,093) | (1,748) | (13,517) |
| Net trading income | 73 | 54 | 210 | 65 |
| Other income | 357 | 491 | 947 | 1,770 |
| Total non-interest income | 8,821 | 11,257 | 34,137 | 32,641 |
| NON-INTEREST EXPENSE | | | | |
| Salaries and benefits | 29,665 | 25,775 | 84,430 | 75,084 |
| Occupancy and equipment | 4,237 | 3,705 | 12,022 | 11,000 |
| Other general and administrative | 11,802 | 12,983 | 39,143 | 37,836 |
| Total non-interest expense | 45,704 | 42,463 | 135,595 | 123,920 |
| Income before income taxes | 68,855 | 47,466 | 195,767 | 124,879 |
| Income tax expense | 30,505 | 20,104 | 86,217 | 53,155 |
| Net income | \$ 38,350 | 27,362 | 109,550 | 71,724 |
| PER COMMON SHARE DATA | | | | |
| Earnings per share — basic | \$ 0.84 | 0.67 | 2.56 | 1.76 |
| Earnings per share — diluted | \$ 0.83 | 0.66 | 2.52 | 1.73 |

**SIGNATURE BANK
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (unaudited) | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i> | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$ 34,514 | 31,558 |
| Short-term investments | 4,590 | 14,741 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 39,104 | 46,299 |
| Securities available-for-sale (pledged \$2,177,389 at September 30, 2011 and \$1,553,412 at December 31, 2010) | 6,210,206 | 5,249,286 |
| Securities held-to-maturity (fair value \$519,451 at September 30, 2011 and \$450,315 at December 31, 2010; pledged \$336,012 at September 30, 2011 and \$337,453 at December 31, 2010) | 506,624 | 447,896 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 34,427 | 38,439 |
| Loans held for sale | 369,170 | 382,463 |
| Loans, net | 6,359,994 | 5,177,268 |
| Premises and equipment, net | 30,901 | 29,385 |
| Accrued interest and dividends receivable | 57,987 | 53,211 |
| Other assets | 249,237 | 248,842 |
| Total assets | \$ 13,857,650 | 11,673,089 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Deposits | | |

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| Non-interest-bearing | 2,703,328 | 2,449,968 |
| Interest-bearing | 8,484,606 | 6,991,259 |
| Total deposits | 11,187,934 | 9,441,227 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 828,350 | 658,000 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 370,000 | 558,000 |
| Other short-term borrowings | 6,400 | 6,200 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 99,604 | 65,115 |
| Total liabilities | 12,492,288 | 10,728,542 |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share; 61,000,000 shares authorized; none issued at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 | - | - |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; 64,000,000 shares authorized; 46,171,890 and 41,347,540 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 | 462 | 413 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 951,797 | 689,035 |
| Retained earnings | 383,061 | 273,511 |
| Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities available-for-sale, net of tax | 30,042 | (18,412) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 1,365,362 | 944,547 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 13,857,650 | 11,673,089 |

SIGNATURE BANK
FINANCIAL SUMMARY, CAPITAL RATIOS, ASSET QUALITY
(unaudited)

| | <i>Three months ended</i> | | <i>Nine months ended</i> | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | <i>September 30,</i> | | <i>September 30,</i> | |
| <i>(dollars in thousands, except ratios and per share amounts)</i> | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| PER COMMON SHARE | | | | |
| Net income - basic | \$ 0.84 | \$ 0.67 | \$ 2.56 | \$ 1.76 |
| Net income - diluted | \$ 0.83 | \$ 0.66 | \$ 2.52 | \$ 1.73 |
| Average shares outstanding - basic | 45,532 | 41,005 | 42,760 | 40,853 |
| Average shares outstanding - diluted | 46,338 | 41,623 | 43,531 | 41,512 |
| Book value | \$ 29.57 | \$ 22.43 | \$ 29.57 | \$ 22.43 |

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

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|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Return on average total assets | 1.12% | 1.02% | 1.15% | 0.96% |
| Return on average shareholders' equity | 12.56% | 12.02% | 12.68% | 11.13% |
| Efficiency ratio (1) | 36.08% | 42.31% | 36.78% | 44.01% |
| Efficiency ratio excluding net gains on sales of securities and net impairment losses on securities recognized in earnings (1) | 36.47% | 43.53% | 37.96% | 45.50% |
| Yield on interest-earning assets | 4.43% | 4.59% | 4.55% | 4.70% |
| Cost of deposits and borrowings | 1.00% | 1.27% | 1.05% | 1.36% |
| Net interest margin | 3.51% | 3.41% | 3.58% | 3.43% |

(1) The efficiency ratio is calculated by dividing non-interest expense by the sum of net interest income before provision for loan losses and non-interest income.

| | September 30, 2011 | June 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2010 |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| CAPITAL RATIOS | | | | |
| Tangible common equity (2) | 9.85% | 8.08% | 8.09% | 8.41% |
| Tier 1 leverage | 9.84% | 8.15% | 8.62% | 8.66% |
| Tier 1 risk-based | 17.28% | 14.20% | 14.21% | 13.50% |
| Total risk-based | 18.37% | 15.29% | 15.21% | 14.51% |
| ASSET QUALITY | | | | |
| Non-accrual loans | \$ 51,134 | \$ 44,234 | \$ 34,134 | \$ 33,769 |
| Allowance for loan losses | \$ 83,526 | \$ 78,370 | \$ 67,396 | \$ 68,436 |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-accrual loans | 163.35% | 177.17% | 197.45% | 202.66% |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans | 1.30% | 1.28% | 1.29% | 1.40% |
| Non-accrual loans to total loans | 0.79% | 0.72% | 0.65% | 0.69% |

Quarterly net charge-offs to average loans (annualized) 0.44% 0.53% 1.16% 0.56%

(2) We define tangible common equity as the ratio of tangible common equity to adjusted tangible assets (the "TCE ratio") and calculate this ratio by dividing total consolidated common shareholders' equity by consolidated total assets (we had no intangible assets at any of the dates presented above). Tangible common equity is considered to be a non-GAAP financial measure and should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP. The TCE ratio is a metric used by management to evaluate the adequacy of our capital levels. In addition to tangible common equity, management uses other metrics, such as Tier 1 capital related ratios, to evaluate capital levels.

**SIGNATURE BANK
NET INTEREST MARGIN ANALYSIS
(unaudited)**

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | <i>Three months ended September 30, 2011</i> | | | <i>Three months ended September 30, 2010</i> | | |
|--|--|---|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Average Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Average Yield/ Rate |
| INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Short-term investments | \$ 249,426 | 177 | 0.28% | 194,023 | 172 | 0.35% |
| Investment securities | 6,615,503 | 61,910 | 3.74% | 5,119,367 | 50,635 | 3.96% |
| Commercial loans and commercial mortgages | 5,890,934 | 79,951 | 5.38% | 4,410,978 | 62,473 | 5.62% |
| Residential mortgages | 177,741 | 2,167 | 4.88% | 186,368 | 2,330 | 5.00% |
| Consumer loans | 197,895 | 3,769 | 7.56% | 196,424 | 3,426 | 6.92% |
| Loans held for sale | 206,636 | 845 | 1.62% | 274,489 | 1,095 | 1.58% |
| Total interest-earning assets | 13,338,135 | 148,819 | 4.43% | 10,381,649 | 120,131 | 4.59% |
| Non-interest-earning assets | 250,020 | | | 280,363 | | |
| Total assets | \$13,588,155 | | | 10,662,012 | | |
| INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing deposits | | | | | | |
| NOW and interest-bearing demand | 578,496 | 795 | 0.55% | 761,065 | 934 | 0.49% |
| Money market | 7,031,894 | 18,626 | 1.05% | 5,053,881 | 16,890 | 1.33% |
| Time deposits | 914,800 | 4,124 | 1.79% | 939,601 | 4,778 | 2.02% |
| Non-interest-bearing demand deposits | 2,728,370 | - | - | 2,031,710 | - | - |
| Total deposits | 11,253,560 | 23,545 | 0.83% | 8,786,257 | 22,602 | 1.02% |
| Borrowings | 969,940 | 7,414 | 3.03% | 915,603 | 8,424 | 3.65% |
| Total deposits and borrowings | 12,223,500 | 30,959 | 1.00% | 9,701,860 | 31,026 | 1.27% |
| Other non-interest-bearing liabilities and shareholders' equity | 1,364,655 | | | 960,152 | | |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$13,588,155 | | | 10,662,012 | | |
| OTHER DATA | | | | | | |
| Net interest income / interest rate spread | | 117,860 | 3.43% | | 89,105 | 3.32% |
| Net interest margin | | | 3.51% | | | 3.41% |
| Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities | | | 109.12% | | | 107.01% |

**SIGNATURE BANK
NET INTEREST MARGIN ANALYSIS
(unaudited)**

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | <i>Nine months ended September 30, 2011</i> | | | <i>Nine months ended September 30, 2010</i> | | |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Average Yield/ Rate | Average Balance | Interest Income/ Expense | Average Yield/ Rate |
| INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Short-term investments | \$ 135,109 | 292 | 0.29% | 232,943 | 463 | 0.27% |
| Investment securities | 6,283,608 | 180,133 | 3.82% | 4,671,854 | 144,308 | 4.12% |
| Commercial loans and commercial mortgages | 5,472,425 | 225,193 | 5.50% | 4,218,298 | 176,704 | 5.60% |

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|-------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------|------------|---------|-------|
| Residential mortgages | 181,033 | 6,689 | 4.93% | 181,438 | 6,969 | 5.12% |
| Consumer loans | 197,095 | 10,605 | 7.19% | 192,047 | 10,233 | 7.12% |
| Loans held for sale | 240,530 | 2,809 | 1.56% | 205,906 | 2,711 | 1.76% |
| Total interest-earning assets | 12,509,800 | 425,721 | 4.55% | 9,702,486 | 341,388 | 4.70% |
| Non-interest-earning assets | 276,522 | | | 325,600 | | |
| Total assets | \$12,786,322 | | | 10,028,086 | | |

INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES

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|---|--------------|--------|-------|------------|--------|-------|
| Interest-bearing deposits | | | | | | |
| NOW and interest-bearing demand | 634,545 | 2,480 | 0.52% | 710,951 | 3,134 | 0.59% |
| Money market | 6,425,345 | 53,813 | 1.12% | 4,658,945 | 48,703 | 1.40% |
| Time deposits | 920,662 | 12,369 | 1.80% | 878,987 | 14,195 | 2.16% |
| Non-interest-bearing demand deposits | 2,612,348 | - | - | 1,942,538 | - | - |
| Total deposits | 10,592,900 | 68,662 | 0.87% | 8,191,421 | 66,032 | 1.08% |
| Borrowings | 1,042,022 | 22,539 | 2.89% | 905,749 | 26,404 | 3.90% |
| Total deposits and borrowings | 11,634,922 | 91,201 | 1.05% | 9,097,170 | 92,436 | 1.36% |
| Other non-interest-bearing liabilities and shareholders' equity | 1,151,400 | | | 930,916 | | |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$12,786,322 | | | 10,028,086 | | |

OTHER DATA

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|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Net interest income / interest rate spread | 334,520 | 3.50% | 248,952 | 3.34% |
| Net interest margin | | 3.58% | | 3.43% |
| Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities | | 107.52% | | 106.65% |

SIGNATURE BANK NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (unaudited)

Management believes that the presentation of the Bank's tangible common equity ratio and net income and diluted earnings per share excluding the after-tax effect of gains from the sales of SBA interest-only strip securities, which are non-GAAP financial measures, assists investors when comparing results period-to-period in a more consistent manner and provides a better measure of Signature Bank's results. These non-GAAP measures should not be considered a substitute for GAAP-basis measures and results. We strongly encourage investors to review our consolidated financial statements in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure. Because non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized, it may not be possible to compare these financial measures with other companies' non-GAAP financial measures having the same or similar names.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income and diluted earnings per share (as reported) to net income and diluted earnings per share excluding the after-tax effect of gains from the sales of SBA interest-only strip securities:

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| <i>(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i> | | | | |
| Net income (as reported) | \$ 38,350 | 27,362 | \$109,550 | 71,724 |
| Gains on sales of SBA interest-only strip securities | - | - | (7,434) | - |
| Tax effect | - | - | 3,281 | - |
| Net income - excluding after-tax effect of gains on sales of SBA interest-only strip securities | \$ 38,350 | 27,362 | \$105,397 | 71,724 |
| Diluted earnings per share (as reported) | \$ 0.83 | 0.66 | \$ 2.52 | 1.73 |
| Gains on sales of SBA interest-only strip securities | - | - | (0.17) | - |
| Tax effect | - | - | 0.07 | - |
| Diluted earnings per share - excluding after-tax effect of gains on sales of SBA interest-only strip securities | \$ 0.83 | 0.66 | \$ 2.42 | 1.73 |

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