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## **Washington Trust named Best Place to Work**

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Westerly, RI The Washington Trust Company received the Best Places to Work Award in R.I. by Providence Business News (PBN). The bank was selected as top employer in the Enterprise category, representing companies with 500 or more employees. This is the 13th straight year Washington Trust has been recognized as a top employer.

“We are thrilled to receive top honors as the ‘Best Place to Work’ in Rhode Island,” said Edward Handy III, Washington Trust chairman and CEO. “This award is really a tribute to our employees. We truly value their commitment to providing caring, trusted advice, and personal service and solutions to our customers and community every day!”

In PBN's June 9th Best Places to Work special section, the publication highlighted several of the 222+ year old bank's innovative, inspiring, and inclusive policies and practices, including its post-COVID hybrid work environment; Wellness Program; Employee Volunteerism Program; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council. PBN also noted the bank's Annual Employee Fest, which celebrates employees for their years of service with the company; recognizes community volunteerism; and recognizes employees who illustrate the “Spirit of Washington Trust” by going above and beyond as leaders, mentors, and community servants.

The Best Places to Work Award is sponsored by Providence Business News in conjunction with the Best Companies Group, which conducts third-party surveys of company employees. Best Places to Work Award winners are selected based on judges' review of survey responses and a review of company workplace policies and practices, including the work environment, morale, benefits, and growth opportunities.