

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name of Reporting Person (Last, First, Middle)* Brown, Nicholas A.			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06-26-2017	4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Bank of the Ozarks (OZRK)	
Street Address 17901 Chenal Parkway			3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify below)	
City Little Rock	State AR	ZIP Code 72223			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	10,078	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., plus, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of shares			
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/18/2012	04/18/2022	Common Stock	2,000	\$15.178	D	
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/16/2013	04/16/2023	Common Stock	4,000	\$20.125	D	
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/20/2014	05/20/2024	Common Stock	4,000	\$29.048	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Nicholas A. Brown

**Signature of Reporting Person

06/26/2017

Date

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