

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL RESPONSES)

1. Name of Reporting Person (Last, First, Middle)* Russell, R. Darrel			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 type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify below) Chief Credit Officer	
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	24,524	D	
Common Stock	82,648	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 06/14/2017
Common Stock	9,370	I	Shares hed by Spouse in 401(k) at 06/14/2017

**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			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/17/2017	11/17/2021	Common Stock	7,000	\$36.045	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/18/2018	11/18/2022	Common Stock	8,000	\$53.005	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2020	01/18/2024	Common Stock	4,032	\$52.08	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ R. Darrel Russell

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

06-26-2017

Date

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I hereby constitute and appoint Greg McKinney, Joseph Strack, Helen Brown, or any one of them, as my agent and attorney-in-fact with full powers of substitution and resubstitution, to act in my own name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, for the purpose of executing and filing any and all reports regarding Bank of the Ozarks ("Bank") required to be filed by me with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and any stock exchange or similar authority under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder as in effect from time to time. This appointment revokes all prior appointments of agent and attorney-in-fact to execute and file reports under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file forms with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Bank, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney as of the 26th day of June, 2017.

/s/ Darrel R. Russell \_\_\_\_\_