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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Washington, D.C. 20429

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of shares	(I) (Instr. 5)		
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/20/2014	05/20/2024	Common Stock	4,000	\$29.048	D	
Explanation of Responses:	•	•		•	•	•	
			/s/ Ross M. Whipple			06-26-2017	
			**Signature of F		-	Date	
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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY (Section 16 Filings)

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/ Ross M. Whipple