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**Section 1: 4 (FORM 4 SUBMISSION)**

**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br>GLEASON GEORGE G II |                          |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]            |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br>Chairman & CEO |  |  |
| (Last)<br>17901 CHENAL PARKWAY                                 | (First)<br>P.O. BOX 8811 | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/16/2016                          |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                                                                   |  |  |
| (Street)<br>LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811                         |                          |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                   |  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| (City)                                                         | (State)                  | (Zip)    | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |          | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)                                  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price    |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                                                        |
| Common Stock                    | 05/16/2016                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 955                                                               | A          | \$ 0 (1) | 163,176                                                                                       | I                                                        | Shares held by Spouse                                                                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |   |                                                                   |            |          | 1,041,961                                                                                     | D                                                        |                                                                                        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |   |                                                                   |            |          | 4,800                                                                                         | I                                                        | Shares held in Trust for Adult Child                                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |   |                                                                   |            |          | 2,571,200                                                                                     | I                                                        | Shares held in Gleason Trust                                                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |   |                                                                   |            |          | 1,946,060                                                                                     | I                                                        | Shares held in 401(k) at 05/16/2016                                                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |   |                                                                   |            |          | 180,124                                                                                       | I                                                        | Shares held by Trust of which Mr. Gleason, his wife and descendants are beneficiaries. |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V |                                                                                         | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date |                                                               |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                                                  |                                                        |

of  
Shares

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                             | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|                                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| GLEASON GEORGE G II<br>17901 CHENAL PARKWAY<br>P.O. BOX 8811<br>LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811 | X             |           | Chairman & CEO |       |

## Signatures

|                                                                      |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| /s/ George G Gleason<br><small>Signature of Reporting Person</small> | 05/16/2016<br><small>Date</small> |
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## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents annual grant of common stock pursuant to the Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. Non-Employee Director Stock Plan.

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## Section 2: EX-24.4\_655050 (POA DOCUMENT)

### LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY (Section 16 Filings)

I hereby constitute and appoint Greg McKinney, Joseph Strack, Donna Quandt, 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, Inc. required to be filed by me with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the regulations of the SEC issued thereunder. This appointment revokes all prior appointments of agent and attorney-in-fact to execute and file SEC reports under Section 16 of the SEC Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by me in writing delivered to Greg McKinney, the SEC compliance officer of Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney as of the 16th day of May, 2016.

/s/ George G Gleason

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF PULASKI

On this the 16th day of May, 2016, before me, George G Gleason, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that such person executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

/s/ Patricia Hooker  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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