#### BANK OF THE OZARKS INC

Form 4

January 20, 2017

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GLEASON GEORGE G II			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BANK OF THE OZARKS INC [OZRK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 17901 CHEN BOX 8811	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2017	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benef	icially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquor(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		of	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)
Common Stock	01/18/2017		Code V A	Amount 48,387 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	1,051,070	D	
Common Stock							1,974,485	I	Shares held in 401(k) at 01/18/2017
Common Stock							163,176	I	Shares held by Spouse
Common Stock							4,800	Ι	Shares held in Trust for Adult Child

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Common Stock	2,571,200 I	Shares held in Gleason Trust					
Common Stock	180,124 I	Shares held by Trust of which Mr. Gleason, his wife, and descendants are beneficiaries					
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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

number.

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Iransaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. Number of iorDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	Expiration Date Underlying (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and		Securities
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.08	01/18/2017	A	48,387	01/18/2020	01/18/2024	Common Stock	48,387

# **Reporting Owners**

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

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### **Signatures**

/s/ George G

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **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).
- These shares were issued under the Company's Restricted Stock and Incentive Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3(d) and are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture until vested. 100% of these shares vest on 01/18/2020, three years after the date of grant, if the individual remains employed with the Company through such date.

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