

BANK OF THE OZARKS INC
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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GLEASON GEORGE G II

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 17901 CHENAL PARKWAY, P.O.
 8811

 (Street)
 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**BANK OF THE OZARKS INC
 [OZRK]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
07/29/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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 or Price		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/29/2009		M		3,000 A \$ 12.785	2,087,908	D
Common Stock	07/29/2009		S		3,000 D \$ 25.481	2,084,908	D
Common Stock						1,200	I Shares held by Child
Common Stock						642,800	I Shares held

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Stock						by Gleason Trust
Common Stock		39,408	I			Shares held by Spouse
Common Stock		436,009	I			Shares held in 401(k) at 7/28/2009
Common Stock		45,031	I			Shares held by Trusts which Mr. Gleason, his Wife and decendants 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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.785	07/29/2009		M	3,000	09/10/2005	09/10/2009	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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P.O. 8811
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72231-8811

X X Chairman & CEO

Signatures

/s/ George G.
Gleason 07/29/2009

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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