# If You Paid Overdraft Fees to BancorpSouth Bank, You May Be Eligible for a Payment from a Class Action Settlement.

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- A \$24 million Settlement has been reached in a class action about the order in which BancorpSouth Bank ("BancorpSouth") posted Debit Card and ATM transactions to customer Accounts, and the alleged effect the posting order had on the number of Overdraft Fees charged to Account holders. BancorpSouth maintains that there was nothing wrong with the posting process it used and that it complied, at all times, with applicable laws and regulations and the terms of the account agreements with its customers.
- Certain current and former holders of BancorpSouth consumer checking Accounts are eligible for a payment or Account credit from the Settlement Fund.
- A "Notice of Pendency of Class Action" was mailed and/or emailed to all Class Members in May 2013. You are included in the Settlement Class if you received a copy of the Pendency of Class Action sent in May 2013 and did not previously opt-out before the Court-ordered deadline. This current notice is intended to inform the same group of Class Members of the proposed Settlement of the case.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT		
Receive a Payment or Account Credit	If you are entitled under the Settlement to a payment or Account credit, you do not have to do anything to receive it. If the Court approves the Settlement and it becomes final and effective, and you remain in the Settlement Class, you will automatically receive a payment by check or Account credit.	
Exclude Yourself from the Settlement	Receive no benefit from the Settlement. This is the only option that allows you to retain your right to bring any other lawsuit against BancorpSouth about the claims in this case.	
Object	Write to the Court if you do not like the terms of the Settlement.	
Go to a Hearing	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement.	
Do Nothing	You will receive any payment or Account credit to which you are entitled, and will give up your right to bring your own lawsuit against BancorpSouth about the claims in this case.	

• Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act. Read this notice carefully.

- These rights and options and the deadlines to exercise them are explained in this notice.
- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. Payments and Account credits will be provided if the Court approves the Settlement and after any appeals are resolved. Please be patient.

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### **BASIC INFORMATION**

### **1.** Why is there a notice?

A Court authorized this notice because you have a right to know about the proposed Settlement of this class action lawsuit, and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to give Final Approval to the Settlement. This notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement and your legal rights.

Senior Judge Maurice Paul of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida is overseeing this case. The case is known as *Shane Swift v. BancorpSouth*, N.D. Fla. Case No. 1:10-cv-00090-MP-GRJ (the "Action"). The Action is one of a number of similar lawsuits previously consolidated in proceedings known as *In Re: Checking Account Overdraft Litigation*, 1:09-MD-02036-JLK. The person who sued is called the "Plaintiff." The Defendant is BancorpSouth Bank.

### **2.** What is this lawsuit about?

The lawsuit claims that BancorpSouth posted Debit Card Transactions in the order of highest to lowest dollar amount, which Plaintiff argues results in an increased number of Overdraft Fees assessed to customers. The complaint is posted on the Settlement Website and contains all of the allegations and claims asserted against BancorpSouth. BancorpSouth maintains that there was nothing wrong with the posting process it used and that it complied, at all times, with applicable laws and regulations and the terms of the account agreements with its customers.

3. What do "Account," "Overdraft Fee," "Debit Card" and "Debit Card Transaction" mean?

"Account" means any consumer checking, demand deposit or savings account maintained by BancorpSouth in the United States linked to and/or accessible by a Debit Card during the Class Period and on which an Overdraft Fee could be applied.

"**Overdraft Fee**" means any fee or fees assessed to an Account resulting from item(s) paid because the Account had insufficient funds to cover the item(s). Fees charged to transfer funds from other accounts are excluded.

"**Debit Card**" means a card or similar device issued or provided by BancorpSouth, including a debit card, check card, or automated teller machine ("ATM") card that can or could be used to debit funds from an Account by Point of Sale and/or ATM transactions.

"**Debit Card Transaction**" means any debit transaction effectuated with a Debit Card, including Point of Sale transactions (whether by PIN or signature/PIN-less) and ATM transactions. For avoidance of doubt, Debit Card Transaction does not include a debit transaction effectuated by paper or electronic check, by preauthorized transaction, by wire transfer or Automated Clearing House ("ACH") transaction, or a transfer to another account such as a credit card account or line of credit.

### 4. Why is this a class action?

In a class action, one or more people called class representatives (in this case, Plaintiff Shane Swift) sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. The Court previously certified this case to proceed as a class action, and designated Plaintiff Swift as class representative. All Class Members of the previously certified class are members of the Settlement Class, except for those who timely excluded themselves from the class by the Court-ordered deadline.

### 5. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court has not decided in favor of either the Plaintiff or BancorpSouth. Instead, both sides agreed to the Settlement. By agreeing to the Settlement, the Parties avoid the costs and uncertainty of a trial, and Settlement Class Members receive the benefits described in this notice. The Class Representative and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is best for everyone who is affected.

### WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT?

If you previously received a "Notice of Pendency of Class Action" that was mailed and/or emailed to all Class Members in May 2013, and you did not previously opt-out before the Court-ordered deadline, you are included in the Settlement Class. Also, if you recently received a notice of the Settlement from a postcard addressed to you, you are in the Settlement Class. If you did not receive a postcard with Settlement notice, you may still be in the Settlement Class, as described below.

### 6. Who is included in the Settlement?

You are included in the Settlement Class if you were a BancorpSouth Bank customer in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas who had one or more consumer (non-business) Accounts and incurred an Overdraft Fee(s) during the applicable Class Periods set forth below as a result of BancorpSouth Bank's practice of sequencing Debit Card and ATM transactions from highest to lowest dollar amount.

The Class Periods are as follows:

- Alabama—May 18, 2004 to August 13, 2010
- Arkansas—May 18, 2005 to August 13, 2010
- Florida—May 18, 2006 to August 13, 2010
- Louisiana—May 18, 2003 to August 13, 2010
- Mississippi—May 18, 2007 to August 13, 2010
- Missouri—May 18, 2007 to August 13, 2010
- Tennessee—May 18, 2004 to August 13, 2010
- Texas—May 18, 2006 to August 13, 2010

In order to have incurred an Overdraft Fee as a result of BancorpSouth's practice of posting Debit Card Transactions from highest to lowest dollar amount, you must have had two or more Overdraft Fees assessed on one or more days during the time periods listed above. If this happened to you, you may be in the Settlement Class. If it did not happen to you, you are not a member of the Settlement Class. You may contact the Settlement Administrator if you have any questions as to whether you are in the Settlement Class.

A "Notice of Pendency of Class Action" was mailed and/or emailed to all identifiable Class Members in May 2013. That notice informed Class Members of the Court's decision to certify the case to proceed as a class action and established the definition of the Class. Another notice in the form of a postcard was recently sent to the same group of Settlement Class Members, except those who previously opted-out of the Class before the deadline, to inform them of the Settlement of the Action and their rights under the Settlement.

## **THE SETTLEMENT'S BENEFITS**

### 7. What does the Settlement provide?

BancorpSouth has agreed to establish a Settlement Fund of \$24 million from which Settlement Class Members will receive payments or Account credits. The Settlement Fund will also pay all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses awarded to Class Counsel, and any Service Award to the Class Representative. The exact amount of Settlement Class Members' payments or Account credits cannot be determined at this time. The exact amount cannot be determined until the notice process is complete and the Court makes a final decision on the amount of attorneys' fees, costs and expenses awarded to Class Counsel and any Service Award to the Class Representative. However, if you received notice of the Settlement via a postcard in the mail, you were given a unique identifying number that you can use on the Settlement Website to see an *estimate* of the amount of your payment or Account credit.

BancorpSouth will also pay up to \$500,000 for Settlement administration and related costs separately; any remaining amounts will come out of the \$24 million Settlement Fund.

### 8. How do I receive a payment or Account credit?

If you are in the Settlement Class and entitled to receive a cash benefit, you do not need to do anything to receive a payment or Account credit. If the Court approves the Settlement and it becomes final and effective, you will automatically receive a payment by check or Account credit for your *pro rata* portion of eligible Overdraft Fees you paid during the time period covered by the Settlement.

### 9. What am I giving up to stay in the Settlement Class?

Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you cannot sue or be part of any other lawsuit against BancorpSouth about the legal issues in this Action. It also means that all of the decisions by the Court will bind you. The "Release of Claims" included in the Settlement Agreement describes the precise legal claims that you give up if you remain in the Settlement. The Settlement Agreement is available at www.BancorpSouthOverdraftLitigation.com.

## **EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT**

If you do not want benefits from the Settlement, and you want to keep the right to sue BancorpSouth on your own about the legal issues in this Action, then you must take steps to get out of the Settlement. This is called excluding yourself — or it is sometimes referred to as "opting-out" of the Settlement Class.

### **10.** How do I get out of the Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must send a letter that includes the following:

- Your printed or typed name, address and telephone number;
- A short statement that you want to be excluded from the BancorpSouth Overdraft Settlement; and
- Your signature.

You must mail your exclusion request, postmarked no later than June 2, 2016, to:

BancorpSouth Overdraft Settlement P.O. Box 3719 Portland, OR 97208-3719

### **11.** If I do not exclude myself, can I sue BancorpSouth for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up the right to sue BancorpSouth for the claims that the Settlement resolves. You must exclude yourself from this Settlement Class in order to try to pursue your own lawsuit.

**12.** If I exclude myself from the Settlement, can I still receive a payment?

No. You will not receive a payment or Account credit if you exclude yourself from the Settlement.

# THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

### **13.** Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court has appointed a number of lawyers to represent you and others in the Settlement Class as "Settlement Class Counsel," including:

Robert C. Gilbert	Jeffrey M. Ostrow
Grossman Roth, P.A. 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 1150	Kopelowitz Ostrow Ferguson Weiselberg Gilbert One West Las Olas Blvd, 5th Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134	Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Settlement Class Counsel will represent you and others in the Settlement Class. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

### **14.** How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel intends to request up to 35% of the money in the Settlement Fund for attorneys' fees, plus reimbursement of their expenses incurred in connection with prosecuting this Action. The fees and expenses awarded by the Court will be paid out of the Settlement Fund. The Court will determine the amount of fees and expenses to award. Class Counsel will also request that up to \$10,000 for the Class Representative be paid from the Settlement Fund for his service to the entire Settlement Class.

# **OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

### 15. How do I tell the Court that I don't like the Settlement?

If you are a Settlement Class Member, you can object to any part of the Settlement, the Settlement as a whole, Class Counsel's requests for fees and expenses and/or Class Counsel's request for a Service Award for the class representative. To object, you must submit a letter that includes the following:

• The name of this Action, which is BancorpSouth Overdraft Litigation;

- Your printed or typed full name, address and telephone number;
- An explanation of why you claim to be a Settlement Class Member;
- The reasons for your objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection known to you or your counsel;
- The number of times you have objected to a class action settlement within the last 5 years, the caption of each case in which you have made such objection and a copy of any orders or opinions related to or ruling upon the prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case;
- The identity of all counsel who represent you, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection to the Settlement or fee application;
- A copy of any orders related to or ruling upon counsel's or the firm's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case in which your counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the preceding 5 years;
- Any and all agreements that relate to the objection or the process of objecting—whether written or oral—between you or your counsel and any other person or entity;
- The identity of all counsel (if any) representing you who will appear at the Final Approval Hearing;
- A list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection;
- A statement confirming whether you intend to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Approval Hearing; and
- Your signature (an attorney's signature is not sufficient).

You must submit your objection to all the people listed below, postmarked no later than June 2, 2016.

Clerk of the Court U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida United States Courthouse 401 SE First Ave. Gainesville, FL 32601	BancorpSouth Overdraft Settlement P.O. Box 3719 Portland, OR 97208-3719
Robert C. Gilbert Grossman Roth P.A. 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 1150 Coral Gables, FL 33134	Eric Jon Taylor HUNTON & WILLIAMS LLP Bank of America Plaza, Suite 4100 600 Peachtree Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30308

Note that, if you object, you may be subject to discovery requests, such as answering questions in writing, producing documents, or providing testimony, consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

### 16. What's the difference between objecting and excluding?

Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object to the Settlement only if you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement. Excluding yourself from the Settlement is telling the Court that you don't want to be part of the Settlement. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you have no basis to object to the Settlement because it no longer affects you.

# THE COURT'S FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing to decide whether to approve the Settlement, and the request for attorneys' fees, expenses and Service Award for the Class Representative. You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you don't have to do so.

### 17. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing at 1 p.m. on **July 7, 2016**, at the United States District Court for Northern District of Florida, Gainesville Division, located at 401 SE First Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601, Room 243. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice, so it is a good idea to check www.BancorpSouthOverdraftLitigation.com for updates. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. The Court will also consider any request by Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and expenses and for a Service Award for the Class Representative. If there are objections, the Court will consider them at this time. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. We do not know when the Court will make its decision. It is a good idea to check www.BancorpSouthOverdraftLitigation.com for updates.

### **18.** Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But, you may come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you submit your written objection on time, to the proper address and it complies with the requirements set forth previously, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary.

### 19. May I speak at the hearing?

You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Final Approval Hearing. To do so, you must send a letter saying that you intend to appear and wish to speak. Your Notice of Intention to Appear must include the following:

- Your name, address and telephone number;
- A statement that this is your "Notice of Intention to Appear" at the Final Approval Hearing for the BancorpSouth Settlement in *Shane Swift v. BancorpSouth*, N.D. Fla. Case No. 1:10-cv-00090-MP-GRJ;
- The reasons you want to be heard;

- Copies of any papers, exhibits, or other evidence or information that is to be presented to the Court at the Final Approval Hearing; and
- Your signature.

You must submit your Notice of Intention to Appear so that it is postmarked no later than **June 2, 2016**, to all of the addresses in Question 15.

# IF YOU DO NOTHING

### 20. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will still receive the benefits to which you are entitled under the Settlement Agreement. Unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit or be part of any other lawsuit against BancorpSouth relating to the issues in this Action.

## **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

### **21.** How do I get more information?

This Detailed Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details can be found in the Settlement Agreement. You can obtain a copy of the Settlement Agreement at www.BancorpSouthOverdraftLitigation.com. You may also write with questions to BancorpSouth Overdraft Settlement, P.O. Box 3719, Portland, OR 97208-3719, or call the toll-free number, 1-800-420-2916. Do not contact BancorpSouth or the Court for information.