

SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Settlement and Release Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by, between, and among the following undersigned parties:

The Plaintiff Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver for Valley Bank (“FDIC-R”) and K&L Gates LLP, Perkins Coie LLP, and Michael Owen (collectively the “Settling Parties”). The FDIC-R and the Settling Parties may be referred to herein as “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

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WHEREAS:

Prior to June 20, 2014, Valley Bank (“Bank”) was a depository institution organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois.

On June 20, 2014, the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation closed the Bank and pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1821(c), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was appointed Receiver. In accordance with 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d), the FDIC-R succeeded to all rights, titles, powers and privileges of the Bank, including those with respect to its assets.

Among the assets to which the FDIC-R succeeded were all of the Bank’s claims, demands, and causes of actions against its former attorneys arising from the performance, nonperformance, and manner of performance of their respective functions, duties and acts as attorneys for the Bank.

The FDIC-R has asserted claims against the Settling Parties, each of whom served at various times as attorneys for the Bank. The Settling Parties deny liability for the FDIC-R’s claims.

The undersigned Parties deem it in their best interests to enter into this Agreement to avoid the uncertainty and expense of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, undertakings, payments, and

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releases stated herein, the sufficiency of which consideration is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Parties agree, each with the other, as follows:

**SECTION I: Payment to FDIC-R**

A. As an essential covenant and condition of this Agreement, the Settling Parties, jointly and severally, agree to pay to the FDIC-R the total sum of \$125,000.00 (the "Settlement Payment"). The Settlement Payment shall be made to the FDIC-R within ten (10) business days after full and complete execution of this Agreement.

B. The Settlement Payment shall be made by direct wire transfer into an account designated by the FDIC-R by notice to the attorneys for the Settling Parties. In the event that the Settlement Payment is not delivered to the FDIC-R (or its counsel) by the date set forth in Section I.A. above, interest shall accrue on all unpaid amounts at the rate of 5 percent per annum from the date set forth in Section I.A. above until the date of payment. However, if said Settlement Payment is not delivered to the FDIC-R by the date set forth in Section I.A., as a result of the FDIC-R's failure to execute this Agreement, no interest shall accrue until five (5) days after the FDIC-R executes the Agreement.

C. If the FDIC-R does not receive the Settlement Payment in full on or before the date determined by subsection A above, then the FDIC-R, in its sole discretion, shall have the right at any time prior to receipt of the Settlement Payment in full (including all accrued interest) to:

1. Extend the period of time for the Settlement Payment, including interest accruing from the date determined by subsection A above, through the date of payment at a rate calculated in accordance with 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(3); or;

2. Enforce this Agreement, in which event the Settling Parties agree to jurisdiction in United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and to pay all of the FDIC-R's

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reasonable attorney's fees and costs expended in enforcing the terms of this Agreement; or

3. Terminate the Agreement and institute an action on the FDIC-R's claims. The Settling Parties further agree to waive any defense based on any statute of limitations that would bar any of the FDIC-R's claims and waive all objections, defenses, claims or counterclaims, and covenant and agree not to assert any objections, defenses, claims or counterclaims that did not exist or were otherwise unavailable as of the date this Agreement was fully executed; and/or seek any other relief available to it in law or equity.

4. Any extension of time under Section I.C.1 for delivery of the Settlement Payment or acceptance of a portion of the Settlement Payment shall not prejudice the FDIC-R's rights to take any of the actions set forth in Section I.C.2 through I.C.4 at any time prior to receipt of Settlement Payment (including all accrued interest) in full.

## SECTION II: Releases

### A. The FDIC-R's Releases.

1. Upon receipt of the Settlement Payment in full as provided in Section I, and except as provided in Section II.C., the FDIC-R, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby releases and discharges the Settling Parties and their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, representatives, former and current partners, employees, insurers, successors and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions, and causes of action, direct or indirect, in law or in equity, belonging to the FDIC-R, that arise from or relate to, the performance, nonperformance, or manner of performance of the Settling Parties' respective functions, duties and actions as attorneys for the Bank.

### B. The Settling Parties' Release.

Effective simultaneously with the release granted in Section II.A. above, the Settling Parties, on behalf of themselves individually, and their respective heirs, executors, trustees,

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administrators, agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assigns, hereby release and discharge the FDIC-R, and its employees, officers, directors, representatives, attorneys, successors and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions, and causes of action, direct or indirect, in law or in equity, that arise from or relate to, the Bank or to the performance, nonperformance, or manner of performance of the Settling Parties' respective functions, duties and actions as attorneys for the Bank.

C. Exceptions from Releases By FDIC-R.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the FDIC-R does not release, and expressly preserves fully and to the same extent as if this Agreement had not been executed, any claims or causes of action:

a. against the Settling Parties or any other person or entity for liability, if any, incurred as the maker, endorser or guarantor of any promissory note or indebtedness payable or owed by them to FDIC-R, the Bank, other financial institutions, or any other person or entity, including without limitation any such claims acquired by FDIC-R as successor in interest to the Bank or any person or entity other than the Bank; and

b. against any person or entity not expressly released by the FDIC-R in this Agreement.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as limiting, waiving, releasing, or compromising the jurisdiction and authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the exercise of its supervisory or regulatory authority or to diminish its ability to institute administrative enforcement or other proceedings seeking removal, prohibition, or any other relief it is authorized to seek pursuant to its supervisory or regulatory authority against any person.



3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement does not purport to waive, or intend to waive, any claims that could be brought by the United States through the Department of Justice, the United States Attorney's Office for any federal judicial district, or any other department or agency of the United States as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 6. In addition, the FDIC-R specifically reserves the right to seek court-ordered restitution pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Victim and Witness Protection Act, 18 U.S. C. §§ 3322 and 3663, et seq., if appropriate.

**SECTION III: Waiver of Dividends and Proceeds from Litigation**

To the extent, if any, that Settling Parties are or were shareholders of the Bank or its holding company and by virtue thereof are or may be entitled to a dividend, payment, or other distribution upon resolution of the receivership of the Bank or proceeds in any litigation that has been or could be brought against the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in any capacity or against the United States based on or arising out of, in whole or in part, the closing of the Bank, or any alleged acts or omissions by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in any capacity, the United States government, or any agency or department of the United States government in connection with the Bank, its conservatorship, or receivership, the Settling Parties hereby knowingly assign to the FDIC-R any and all rights, titles, and interest in and to any and all such dividends, payments, or other distributions, or proceeds.

**SECTION IV: Representations and Acknowledgement**

A. Authorized Signatories. All of the undersigned persons represent and warrant that they are Parties hereto or are authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the respective Party, and that they have the full power and authority to bind such Party to each and every provision of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the undersigned

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Parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, successors and assigns.

B. Advice of Counsel. Each Party hereby acknowledges that he or it has consulted with and obtained the advice of counsel prior to executing this Agreement, and that this Agreement has been explained to that Party by his or its counsel.

#### SECTION V: Reasonable Cooperation

The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to effectuate all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including doing, or causing their agents and attorneys to do, whatever is reasonably necessary to effectuate the signing, delivery, execution, filing, recording, and entry, of any documents necessary to conclude this matter and to otherwise perform the terms of this Agreement.

#### SECTION VI: Other Matters

A. No Admission of Liability. The undersigned Parties each acknowledge and agree that the matters set forth in this Agreement constitute the settlement and compromise of disputed claims and defenses, that this Agreement is not an admission or evidence of liability or infirmity by any of them regarding any claim or defense, and that the Agreement shall not be offered or received in evidence by or against any Party except to enforce its terms.

B. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by one or more of the Parties and all such counterparts when so executed shall together constitute the final Agreement, as if one document had been signed by all Parties; and each such counterpart, upon execution and delivery, shall be deemed a complete original, binding the Parties subscribed thereto upon the execution by all Parties to this Agreement.

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C. Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and enforced according to applicable federal law, or in its absence, the laws of the State of Illinois.

D. Notices. Any notices required hereunder shall be sent by registered mail, first class, return receipt requested, and by email, to the following:

If to the FDIC-R:

(b)(6) Gregory K. Conway  
Counsel  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
3501 Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, VA 22226  
[redacted]

and

(b)(6) Christine P. Hsu  
Counsel  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
3501 Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, VA 22226  
[redacted]

If to the Settling Defendants:

(b)(6) Matthew J. Gehring  
Partner and General Counsel  
Perkins Coie LLP  
131 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1700  
Chicago, IL 60603-5559  
[redacted]

and

(b)(6) Charles M. Tea  
Deputy General Counsel  
K&L Gates LLP  
K&L Gates Center, 210 Sixth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2613  
[redacted]

E. Entire Agreement and Amendments. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between and among the undersigned Parties concerning the matters

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set forth herein and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings. This Agreement may not be amended or modified, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except in writing signed by the Parties bound thereby, or by their respective authorized attorney(s), or other representative(s).

F. Titles and Captions. All section titles and captions contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

G. No Confidentiality. All Parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall not be confidential and will be disclosed pursuant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's applicable policies, procedures, and other legal requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by each of them or their duly authorized representatives on the dates hereinafter subscribed.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER FOR VALLEY BANK

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Date: 12/21/17


BY: 

TITLE: Counsel  
PRINT NAME: Christine P. Hsu

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K&L GATES LLP

Date: 12/21/17

BY: 

TITLE: Deputy General Counsel  
PRINT NAME: Charles Teq



Date: 12/21/17

PERKINS COIE LLP

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TITLE: *General Counsel*

PRINT NAME: *Matthew J. Gehring*

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MICHAEL OWEN

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