

## **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 Alpha Bank & Trust, Alpharetta, Georgia (“FDIC-R”), and James A. Blackwell, Jr., Joseph L. Briner, Dan E. Burge, Claud E. Clark, Thomas D. Daniel, Barry E. Mansell, Jack V. Miller, Jayantilal K. Patel, Robert E. Skeen, III (collectively the “Settling Defendants”), and Cincinnati Insurance Company (“Insurer”) (individually, the FDIC-R, the Settling Defendants and the Insurer may be referred to herein as “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”).

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS:

Prior to October 24, 2008, Alpha Bank & Trust (“Bank”) was a depository institution organized and existing under the laws of Georgia;

On October 24, 2008, the Georgia Department of Banking & Finance 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 action against its former directors, officers, and employees arising from the performance, nonperformance, and manner of performance of their respective functions, duties and acts as directors, officers, and employees of the Bank;

On October 7, 2011, the FDIC-R filed a complaint for money damages against the Settling Defendants, each of whom served at various times as a director and/or officer of the

Bank. Those claims for damages are now pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia in *FDIC-R v. Blackwell et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:11-CV-3423 (the “D&O Action”). The Settling Defendants have denied liability in the D&O Action.

The Insurer issued Financial Institutions Blue Chip Policy No.  (“the (b)(4) Policy”), which insured the directors and officers of the Bank according to the terms, provisions, and conditions of the Policy. The Settling Defendants asserted claims for coverage under the Policy.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, undertakings, payments, and 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 to this Agreement, on or before thirty (30) calendar days following the date this Agreement is executed by all Parties, the Insurer, on behalf of the Settling Defendants, agrees to pay the FDIC-R the sum of TWO MILLION and FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,050,000.00) (“the Settlement Payment”).

B. On behalf of the Settling Defendants, the Insurer shall deliver the Settlement Payment to the FDIC-R, by check drawn on a depository institution acceptable to the FDIC-R which shall be sent by certified mail or overnight delivery to the addressee listed below, with advanced email notice to the attorneys for all Parties. In the event that the Settlement Payment is not delivered to the FDIC-R (or its counsel) by thirty (30) calendar days following the date this Agreement is executed by all Parties, interest shall accrue on all unpaid amounts at the rate of

5% per annum from the thirty-first calendar day following the date this Agreement is executed by all Parties until the date of payment.

Settlement Payment Transmittal Information

Payee: FDIC as Receiver for Alpha Bank & Trust

Deliver To: Glenn A. Harris, Counsel  
Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
3501 Fairfax Drive, Rm VS-B-7026  
Arlington, VA 22226

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The check or transmittal letter enclosing the check shall include the following information

Financial Institution No: 10018

Asset No.: None

Re: FDIC as Receiver for Alpha Bank & Trust v. Blackwell, et al, Civil Action  
No. 1:11-CV-3423, U.S. District Court (N.D. Ga.)

No less than ten (10) days before payment is due, the FDIC-R shall provide the Insurer with an executed Form W9 for the designated account.

C. If the FDIC-R does not receive the Settlement Payment in full on or before the date required in 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 Defendants and Insurer agree to jurisdiction in United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia and to pay all of the FDIC-R's reasonable attorney's fees and costs expended in enforcing the terms of this Agreement; or

3. Terminate the Agreement, move to vacate any dismissal order, to which the Settling Defendants and Insurer agree to consent, and re-institute an action on the FDIC-R's claims. The Settling Defendants and Insurer 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

4. Seek any other relief available to it in law or equity.

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: Stipulation and Dismissal**

Within ten business days after the latter of (1) full execution of this Agreement by all of the Parties, and (2) receipt of the Settlement Payment, plus any accrued interest, the FDIC-R shall file a stipulation of dismissal with prejudice, executed by the attorneys for all Parties hereto, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, in the D&O Action.

## **SECTION III: Releases**

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

Upon receipt of the Settlement Payment in full and except as provided in Section III.D, the FDIC-R, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby releases and discharges:

1. The Settling Defendants and their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, representatives, 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 Defendants' respective functions, duties and actions as officers and/or directors of the Bank including without limitation the causes of action in the D&O Action.

2. Insurer, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and reinsurers, and its and their respective employees, officers, directors, agents and representatives, including 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 Policy. As part of the release of the Insurer, the FDIC-R agrees that any interest that it may have under the Policy is extinguished.

3. All other former directors, officers, and employees of the Bank (collectively, the "Covered Persons") and their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, representatives, 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 Covered Persons' respective functions, duties and actions as directors, officers and/or employees of the Bank including without limitation the causes of action alleged in the D&O Action. This release shall be null and void as to any Covered Person if such Covered Person asserts any claim against the FDIC-R.

B. The Settling Defendants' Release.

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

administrators, agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assigns, hereby release and discharge:

1. 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 Defendants' respective functions, duties and actions as officers and/or directors of the Bank including without limitation the causes of action alleged in the D&O Action.

2. Insurer, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and reinsurers, and its and their respective employees, officers, directors, agents, 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 Policy.

3. Each other and each other's respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, 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 D&O Action.

C. The Insurer's Release.

Effective simultaneously with the releases granted in Section III.A above, Insurer, for itself and its successors and assigns, and on behalf of its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and reinsurers, and their successors and assigns, hereby releases and discharges:

1. The FDIC-R, and its employees, officers, directors, agents, 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 Policy.

2. Each of the Settling Defendants and their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, 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 D&O Action. Nothing in this release shall affect any defense to coverage that the Insurer may have with respect to any claim that may be asserted against it in the future, if any, in connection with the Policy or otherwise.

D. 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 Defendants 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 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.

4. In addition, the FDIC-R specifically reserves the right to seek court-ordered restitution pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3322 and 3663 et seq. if appropriate.

#### **SECTION IV: Waiver of Dividends and Proceeds from Litigation**

To the extent, if any, that Settling Defendants 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, Settling Defendants 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 V: 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 Parties and their respective heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, representatives, successors and assigns.

B. Advice of Counsel. Each Party hereby acknowledges that he, she, 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 her counsel.

#### **SECTION VI: 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 the D&O Action, and to otherwise perform the terms of this Agreement.

#### **SECTION VII: 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.

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 Georgia.

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:

Glenn A. Harris, Counsel  
Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
3501 Fairfax Drive, Rm VS-B-7026  
Arlington, VA 22226

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and

S. Paul Smith  
Jeanne Simkins Hollis  
SIMKINS HOLLIS LAW GROUP, PC  
1924 Lenox Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30306  
Telephone: (404) 474-2328  
Facsimile: (770) 587-0726

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*Counsel for Plaintiff FDIC-R*

If to the Settling Defendants James A. Blackwell Jr., Joseph L. Briner, Dan E. Burge, Claud E. Clark, Thomas D. Daniel, Barry F. Mansell, Jack V. Miller, Jayantilal K. Patel, and Robert F. Skeen, III:

Kevin H. Hudson  
Mary Lillian Walker  
Hudson Parrott Walker LLC  
Fifteen Piedmont Center

3575 Piedmont Road  
Suite L100  
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

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If to Insurer:

Victor Peters  
Peters & Nye, LLP  
14 Executive Court, Suite 2  
South Barrington, IL 60010

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

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. The undersigned 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 ALPHA  
BANK & TRUST /

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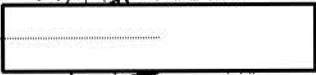
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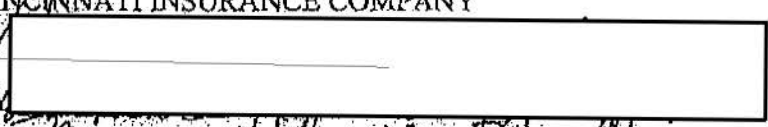
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