

April 22, 2019

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
P.O. Box 27622
Richmond, VA 23261

FDIC Atlanta Regional Office
10 10th Street, NW, Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30309-3849

Re: BB&T and SunTrust Merger Application

Dear Madam/Sir:

This letter replies to your request for comments on the proposed merger between BB&T and SunTrust. While we take no position on the merger, we can tell you about our experience with SunTrust, its support of our organization, and the role it has played in our community. The D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides legal services to low-income individuals, families and small businesses and nonprofits in the District of Columbia. The Pro Bono Center is supported entirely by voluntary contributions and receives no financial support from the Bar or its members.

I have been the Executive Director of the Pro Bono Center since February 2017, and one of the first meetings I had on the job was with Jill Fields, the SunTrust Senior Vice President here in D.C. in charge of serving nonprofits. Jill and SunTrust have supported the Pro Bono Center in many ways, including attending our events and inviting our staff to participate in a community event designed to increase our ability to connect with potential supporters. Of course, one of the most important ways in which SunTrust has supported our work is financially. We have received SunTrust grants every year since 2010. We received \$5000 a year between 2010 and 2015, \$10,000 in 2016, and \$15,000 for the last two years, for a total of \$70,000. SunTrust has been one of our top three corporate donors over the last nine years. Its generous support has enhanced our ability to ensure that our neighbors of limited means have lawyers to help them stay in their homes, maintain their families, and obtain government benefits critical to their day-to-day sustenance.

In sum, SunTrust has been an important partner in our work to improve the lives of people in the D.C. community. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information as your agencies review this application.

Sincerely,



Rebecca K. Troth
Executive Director

cc: Jill Fields
Muriel Garr