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Donald V. Watkins, Jr.
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Birmingham, Alabama 35205

Re. Criminal Conviction - Prohibition from Banking Industry

Dear Mr. Watkins:

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (“Reserve Bank”) has become aware that you were convicted after trial for conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and for wire fraud in connection with your association with Alamerica Bancorp, Inc. (“Alamerica”), Birmingham, Alabama. A copy of the indictment and judgment of conviction is attached. Because you have been convicted of a crime involving dishonesty or breach of trust, you are automatically subject to the prohibitions set forth in Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended (“Section 19”) (12 U.S.C. § 1829). The prohibitions of Section 19 cover all insured depository institutions, including any bank or savings association. The prohibitions of Section 19 also cover any bank holding company, organization organized and operated under section 25 A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 611 et seq.), organization operating under section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), or saving and loan holding company (together, “banking organizations”). The automatic prohibition does not cover non-bank subsidiaries of bank holding companies or uninsured branches or agencies of foreign banks.

Section 19 prohibits you from becoming or continuing as an institution-affiliated party, as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. 1813(u), with respect to any insured depository institution or banking organization, including Alamerica. This means that you may not, among other things, act as an employee, officer, director, or agent of any insured depository institution or banking organization. Nor may you otherwise participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of any insured depository institution or banking organization. However, Section 19 does not prohibit you from being an ordinary, arms-length customer of an insured depository institution or banking organization, such as having a loan or a checking or savings account.

Section 19 also prohibits you from directly or indirectly owning or controlling any insured depository institution or banking organization. 12 U.S.C. § 1829(a)(1)(A)(ii).

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may grant written consent for you to engage in otherwise prohibited conduct with respect to insured depository institutions, and the Federal Reserve may grant written consent with respect to banking organizations.

If you believe that the prohibitions of Section 19 do not apply or cease to apply to you, because, for example, your conviction has been reversed on appeal, or for any other reason, please contact me in writing at this Reserve Bank. Please note that Section 19 will continue to apply to you during any appeals process.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (404) 498-7298, or Assistant General Counsel Alan Faircloth at (404) 498-7322.

Sincerely,

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Kathryn E. Haney

cc: Special Activities Section, Division of Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Donald V. Watkins, P.C.
Lloyd C. Peebles, III, First Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office

Judgment in a Criminal Case, dated August 5, 2019, concerning *United States v. Donald V. Watkins, Jr.*, Case No. 18-cr-00166-KOB-JEO, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama on file.