

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of)	ORDER OF PROHIBITION FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION FDIC-22-0088e
Laura Ellen Ellison, an institution-affiliated party of)	
CommerceOne Bank Birmingham, Alabama)	
(Insured State Nonmember Bank))	
Respondent's NMLS UI# N/A)	
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Laura Ellen Ellison (Respondent) and Respondent's Counsel were advised of the right to receive a Notice of Intention to Prohibit from Further Participation (Notice) detailing Respondent's unsafe or unsound banking practices for which an Order of Prohibition from Further Participation (Prohibition Order) may be issued under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e).

Respondent was further advised of the right to a hearing on the Notice under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e) and 12 C.F.R. Part 308, subparts A & B. Respondent waived certain rights under those provisions on December 1, 2022, and consented to the issuance of the Prohibition Order by entering into a Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of an Order of Prohibition from Further Participation (Consent Agreement) with a representative of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (FDIC) Legal Division.

The FDIC determined and Respondent neither admits nor denies the following:

1. Between December 16, 2020 and April 27, 2021, while employed as a Loan Operations Specialist for CommerceOne Bank, Birmingham, Alabama (Bank), Respondent executed nine unauthorized wire transfers from the accounts of two Bank customers to her

personal bank account at another financial institution. Respondent did not have permission or authority to wire customer funds to her personal bank account. Respondent concealed the unauthorized wire transfers by creating false documentation to create the illusion that the wire transfers were authorized by the Bank customers.

2. As described in paragraph 1, Respondent engaged or participated in unsafe or unsound practices in connection with the Bank.

3. Respondent's practices caused the Bank to suffer financial loss or other damage and Respondent received financial gain or other benefit.

4. Respondent's practices involved personal dishonesty and demonstrated Respondent's willful and continuing disregard for the safety or soundness of the Bank.

The FDIC accepts the Consent Agreement and issues the following:

ORDER OF PROHIBITION FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION

5. Laura Ellen Ellison is prohibited from:
- a. participating in any manner in the conduct of the affairs of any financial institution or organization listed in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A);
 - b. soliciting, procuring, transferring, attempting to transfer, voting, or attempting to vote any proxy, consent, or authorization with respect to any voting rights in any financial institution enumerated in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(A);
 - c. violating any voting agreement previously approved by the appropriate Federal banking agency; and
 - d. voting for a director or serving or acting as an institution-affiliated party.
6. The Prohibition Order is effective upon issuance and will remain effective and enforceable until the FDIC, and any "appropriate Federal financial institutions regulatory

agency,” defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(D), decide in writing to modify, terminate, suspend, or set aside the Order under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(B).

7. The Prohibition Order is enforceable under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), and any violation of the Prohibition Order may result in additional penalties under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(j).

8. The Prohibition Order does not waive any right, power, or authority of the United States; federal, state, or local agencies; or the FDIC as Receiver.

Issued under delegated authority.

Dated: January 31, 2024.

/s/

Patricia A. Colohan
Associate Director
Division of Risk Management Supervision