

Lay Carolyn B
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lay Carolyn B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MIDSOUTH BANCORP INC
[MSL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
102 VERSAILLES BLVD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Retail Officer

LAFAYETTE, LA 70501

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	05/23/2012		A		0	A	\$ 0 290.32	D	
Common Stock	05/23/2012		A		0	A	\$ 0 663.97	D	
Common Stock	05/23/2012		A		0	A	\$ 0 2,957.22	I	ESOP

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S (I)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Stock Options	\$ 12.97	05/23/2012		A	11,565	<u>(1)</u>	05/23/2022	Common Stock	0
Stock Options	\$ 8.62	05/23/2012		A	0	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2013	Common Stock	0
Stock Options	\$ 19.68	05/23/2012		A	0	<u>(1)</u>	02/27/2014	Common Stock	0
Stock Options	\$ 20.88	05/23/2012		A	0	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2015	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Lay Carolyn B
102 VERSAILLES BLVD
LAFAYETTE, LA 70501

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chief Retail Officer

Signatures

Shaleen B. Pellerin, Attorney
in Fact

05/25/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Up to 20% of the total during the second year; up to 40% during the third year; up to 60% during the fourth year; up to 80% during the fifth year and during the sixth and each subsequent year until ten years from date of grant up to 100% of the total number of shares.

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