

Nichols John R
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Nichols John R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

102 VERSAILLES BLVD

(Street)

LAFAYETTE,Â LAÂ 70501

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/13/2010

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

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
EVP/Chief Credit Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

509.01 ⁽¹⁾

D

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Common Stock

2,672.2395

I

ESOP

Common Stock

1,984

D

Â

Common Stock

1,985

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying

4. Conversion

5. Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership

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(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options	Â (2)	12/14/2015	Common Stock	1,312	\$ 20.88	D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nichols John R 102 VERSAILLES BLVD LAFAYETTE, LA 70501	Â	Â	Â EVP/Chief Credit Officer	Â

Signatures

John R Nichols 07/13/2010

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Grant of restricted stock which will vest in three (3) equal installments on each of June 1, 2011, 2012, and 2013.
- (2) 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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