

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â COMPTON JENNIFER BRYNN | | | (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017 | | SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP.,Â 501 MAIN STREET | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| PINE BLUFF,Â ARÂ 71601 | | | EVP | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | |

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) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| SFNC | 6,520 | D | Â |

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 (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Performance Stock Unit | Â (2) | Â (2) | Common | 310 | \$ (1) | D | Â |
| Performance Stock Unit | Â (3) | Â (3) | Common | 310 | \$ (1) | D | Â |
| Performance Stock Unit | Â (4) | Â (4) | Common | 1,015 | \$ (1) | D | Â |
| Performance Stock Unit | Â (5) | Â (5) | Common | 755 | \$ (1) | D | Â |
| Performance Stock Unit | Â (6) | Â (6) | Common | 755 | \$ (1) | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | 12/31/2015 | 09/15/2025 | Common | 1,258 | \$ 48.13 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | 12/31/2016 | 09/15/2025 | Common | 1,387 | \$ 48.13 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | 12/31/2017 | 09/15/2025 | Common | 660 | \$ 48.13 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | 01/19/2017 | 01/19/2026 | Common | 588 | \$ 47.02 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | 01/19/2018 | 01/19/2026 | Common | 588 | \$ 47.02 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | 01/19/2019 | 01/19/2026 | Common | 589 | \$ 47.02 | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Unit | Â (8) | Â (8) | Common | 510 | \$ (7) | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COMPTON JENNIFER BRYNN C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP. 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71601 | Â | Â | Â EVP | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer Brynn Compton by Piper P.
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01/13/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Each Performance Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock Pursuant to the Company's 2015 Incentive Plan.

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- (2) Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for calendar year 2016, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.
- (3) Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for calendar year 2017, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.
- (4) Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for calendar year 2018, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.
- (5) Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for calendar year 2016, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.
- (6) Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for calendar year 2017, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.
- (7) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.
- (8) One third of the Restricted Stock Unit vests on January 19, 2017, 2018 and 2019. SFNC shares will be delivered within 30 days of vesting. Events such as retirement, death, disability and other specified events in the agreement may result in earlier vesting.

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