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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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| BB&T Corporation | North Carolina | 56-0939887 |
| BB&T Capital Trust II | Delaware | 51-6575355 |
| BB&T Capital Trust III <i>(Exact name of registrant</i> | Delaware <i>(State or other jurisdiction of</i> | 51-6575356 <i>(I.R.S. Employer</i> |
| <i>as specified in its charter)</i> | <i>incorporation or organization)</i> | <i>Identification No.)</i> |

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public: From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of each class of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered | Proposed maximum offering price per Security | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price | Amount of registration fee |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Junior Subordinated Debentures of BB&T Corporation | (1)(2) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Trust Preferred Securities of BB&T Capital Trust II | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Trust Preferred Securities of BB&T Capital Trust III | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| BB&T Corporation Guarantees with respect to the Trust Preferred Securities | (3) | (3) | (3) | (1)(3) |
| Total | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |

- (1) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be sold at indeterminate prices. Any securities registered hereby may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered hereunder. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrants are deferring payment of all of the registration fee and will pay the registration fee subsequently in advance or on a pay-as-you-go basis.
- (2) Junior Subordinated Debentures may be purchased by BB&T Capital Trust II or BB&T Capital Trust III (separately, each trust is also referred to as an Issuer Trust and together as the Issuer Trusts) with the proceeds of the sale of the Trust Preferred Securities of that Issuer Trust, together with the proceeds received from BB&T Corporation (the Company) for the common securities to be issued by that Issuer Trust to the Company. No separate consideration will be received for such Junior Subordinated Debentures. Such Junior Subordinated Debentures may later be distributed for no additional consideration to the holders of Trust Preferred Securities of the applicable Issuer Trust upon certain events described in the applicable Trust Agreement of such Issuer Trust.
- (3) The Company is also registering pursuant to this Registration Statement the Company's Guarantees and other obligations that it may have with respect to Trust Preferred Securities issued by any of the Issuer Trusts. Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act of 1933, no separate consideration will be received for any such Guarantee or any other such obligations.
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Prospectus

BB&T CORPORATION

Junior Subordinated Debentures

BB&T CAPITAL TRUST II

BB&T CAPITAL TRUST III

Trust Preferred Securities

Fully and Unconditionally

Guaranteed By BB&T Corporation

The Trusts:

Each trust is a Delaware statutory trust. The trusts may from time to time:

sell trust preferred securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the trusts to the public;

sell common securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the trusts to BB&T Corporation;

use the proceeds from these sales to buy an equal principal amount of junior subordinated debentures of BB&T Corporation; and

distribute the cash payments it receives on the junior subordinated debentures it owns to the holders of the trust preferred and common securities.

Distributions:

For each trust preferred security that you own, you will receive cumulative cash distributions at a rate set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement based upon the liquidation amount of the trust preferred security. The liquidation amount per trust preferred security will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement. We refer to the common securities, together with the trust preferred securities, as the trust securities .

BB&T Corporation:

BB&T Corporation will fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment by the trusts of the trust securities to the extent described in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, if any. This is called the trust securities guarantee .

We will offer the securities under this prospectus in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of the offering.

We will provide the specific terms of the securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the prospectus supplements carefully before you invest in the securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement and a pricing supplement, if any.

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These securities are unsecured and are not savings accounts, deposits or other obligations of any of our bank or non-bank subsidiaries, and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. These securities involve investment risks, including possible loss of principal.

The offered securities may be offered and sold directly by us or through one or more underwriters or agents. Supplements to this prospectus will set forth the terms of sale of the offered securities and the identity of any underwriter or agent. Any underwriter, dealer or agent participating in any offering of the offered securities may be deemed an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. See Plan of Distribution.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 18, 2006.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THIS
PROSPECTUS AND THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

We may provide information to you about the securities we are offering in three separate documents that progressively provide more detail:

this prospectus, which provides general information, some of which may not apply to your securities;

an accompanying prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of the securities, some of which may not apply to your securities;
and

if necessary, a pricing supplement, which describes the specific terms of your securities.

If the terms of your securities vary among the pricing supplement, the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in the following order of priority:

the pricing supplement, if any;

the prospectus supplement; and

the prospectus.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, neither we nor the underwriters have taken any action that would permit us to publicly sell these securities in any jurisdiction outside the United States. If you are an investor outside the United States, you should inform yourself about and comply with any restrictions as to the offering and sale of the securities and the distribution of this prospectus.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of the offering and the securities and, if necessary, a pricing supplement that will contain the specific terms of your securities. The prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the pricing supplement, may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Any statement that we make in this prospectus will be modified or superseded by any inconsistent statement made by us in a prospectus supplement or a pricing supplement. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement and pricing supplement, together with the additional information described below under **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference**.

Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to **BB&T**, **we**, **us**, **our** or similar references mean BB&T Corporation.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

The registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, to register, among other securities, the offer and sale of securities offered by this prospectus includes exhibits, schedules and additional relevant information about us. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit certain information included in the registration statement from this prospectus.

We file annual, quarterly and periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may inspect and obtain copies of these documents at the SEC's Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information regarding the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC's website is <http://www.sec.gov>. You can also inspect reports and other information we file at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents that are considered part of this prospectus. Information filed with the SEC after the date of this prospectus will automatically update and supersede this information. The following documents filed with the SEC are incorporated by reference (with the exception of the information furnished under Item 9.01 of BB&T's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 12, 2006, which furnished information shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus):

- (1) annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005;
- (2) quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006; and
- (3) current reports on Form 8-K filed on January 5, 2006 (under Item 5.02), January 12, 2006 (under Items 8.01 and 9.01), February 24, 2006 (under Items 1.01 and 9.01), February 28, 2006 (under Item 8.01) and April 25, 2006 (under Items 5.03, 8.01 and 9.01).

Future filings we make with the SEC, such as annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and proxy statements, are incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than information in such future filings deemed, under SEC rules, not to have been filed with the SEC) until we complete the offering of the securities.

We will provide without charge to each person (including any beneficial owner) to whom a prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all of these filings (other than the exhibits to such documents, unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference in that filing). Requests should be directed to: BB&T Corporation, 150 South Stratford Road, Suite 300, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27104, Attention: Investor Relations, Telephone: (336) 733-3058.

No separate financial statements of the trusts are included in this prospectus. BB&T and the trusts do not consider that such financial statements would be material to holders of trust preferred securities because the trusts are special purpose entities, have no operating history or independent operations and are not engaged in, and do not propose to engage in, any activity other than holding as trust assets the corresponding junior subordinated debentures of BB&T and issuing the trust securities. Furthermore, taken together, BB&T's obligations under each series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures, the junior indenture pursuant to which the corresponding junior subordinated debentures will be issued, the related trust agreement and the related guarantee provide, in the aggregate, a full, irrevocable and unconditional guarantee of payments of distributions and other amounts due on the related trust preferred securities of the trusts. For a more detailed discussion see "The Trusts", "Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures", "Corresponding Junior Subordinated Debentures", "Description of Trust Preferred Securities" and "Description of Guarantees". In addition, we do not expect that the trusts will be filing reports with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

Neither we nor the trusts have authorized anyone to give any information or make any representation about us that is different from, or in addition to, the representations contained in this prospectus or in any of the materials that we have incorporated into this prospectus. If anyone does give you information of this sort, you should not rely on it. If you are in a jurisdiction where offers to sell, or solicitations of offers to purchase, the securities offered by this prospectus are unlawful, or if you are a person to whom it is unlawful to direct these types of activities, then the offer presented in this prospectus does not extend to you. The information contained in this prospectus speaks only as of the date of this prospectus unless the information specifically indicates that another date applies.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including information included or incorporated by reference, contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to our financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties and are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management and on the information available to our management at the time these disclosures were prepared. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements include, among others, the following possibilities:

competitive pressures among depository and other financial institutions may increase significantly;

changes in the interest rate environment may reduce net interest margins and/or the volumes and values of loans made or held as well as the value of other financial assets we hold;

general economic or business conditions, either nationally or regionally, may be less favorable than expected, resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality and/or a reduced demand for credit or other services;

legislative or regulatory changes, including changes in accounting standards, may adversely affect the businesses in which we are engaged;

adverse changes may occur in the securities markets;

our competitors may have greater financial resources and develop products that enable them to compete more successfully than we are able to;

costs or difficulties related to the integration of our businesses with those of our merger partners may be greater than expected;

expected cost savings associated with completed or pending mergers may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frames; and

deposit attrition, customer loss or revenue loss following completed or pending mergers may be greater than expected.

BB&T CORPORATION

We are a financial holding company headquartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We conduct our business operations primarily through our commercial bank subsidiaries, which have offices in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, Indiana and Washington, D.C. Substantially all of the loans by our bank and non-bank subsidiaries are to businesses and individuals in these market areas. Our principal bank subsidiaries are Branch Banking and Trust Company (Branch Bank), Branch Banking and Trust Company of South Carolina (Branch Bank-SC), Branch Banking and Trust Company of Virginia (Branch Bank-VA), collectively the *Subsidiary Banks* , and BB&T Bankcard Corporation. Our principal assets are all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the *Subsidiary Banks* and our non-bank subsidiaries.

As of March 31, 2006, we had consolidated total assets of \$110.0 billion, consolidated net loans of \$75.0 billion, consolidated deposits of \$75.6 billion and consolidated shareholders' equity of \$11.0 billion.

Operating Subsidiaries

At March 31, 2006, the principal operating subsidiaries of BB&T include the following:

Branch Banking and Trust Company, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Branch Banking and Trust Company of South Carolina, Greenville, South Carolina

Branch Banking and Trust Company of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia

BB&T Bankcard Corporation, Columbus, Georgia

Scott & Stringfellow, Inc., Richmond, Virginia

Regional Acceptance Corporation, Greenville, North Carolina

Sheffield Financial LLC, Clemmons, North Carolina

MidAmerica Gift Certificate Company, Louisville, Kentucky

BB&T Asset Management, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina

Branch Bank

Branch Bank, our largest subsidiary, was chartered in 1872 and is the oldest bank headquartered in North Carolina. As of March 31, 2006, Branch Bank operated banking offices in the following geographic markets:

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| States | Offices |
|----------------------|----------------|
| North Carolina | 335 |
| Maryland | 127 |
| Georgia | 120 |
| Kentucky | 93 |
| Florida | 94 |
| West Virginia | 80 |
| Tennessee | 47 |
| District of Columbia | 9 |
| Alabama | 2 |
| Indiana | 1 |
| Total | 908 |

Branch Bank provides a wide range of banking and trust services for retail and commercial clients in its geographic markets, including small and mid-size businesses, public agencies, local governments and individuals. Branch Bank's principal operating subsidiaries include:

BB&T Leasing Corporation, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, which provides lease financing to commercial and small businesses;

BB&T Investment Services, Inc., a registered broker-dealer located in Charlotte, North Carolina, which offers clients non-deposit investment alternatives, including discount brokerage services, equities, fixed-rate and variable-rate annuities, mutual funds and government and municipal bonds;

BB&T Insurance Services, Inc., headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, which offers property and casualty, life, health, employee benefits, commercial general liability, surety, title and other insurance products through its agency network;

Stanley, Hunt, DuPree & Rhine, Inc., with dual headquarters in Greensboro, North Carolina and Greenville, South Carolina, which offers flexible benefit plans and investment advisory, actuarial and benefit consulting services;

Prime Rate Premium Finance Corporation, Inc., located in Florence, South Carolina, which provides insurance premium financing primarily to clients in BB&T's geographic markets;

Laureate Capital, LLC, located in Charlotte, North Carolina, which specializes in arranging and servicing commercial mortgage loans;

Lendmark Financial Services, Inc., located in Conyers, Georgia, which offers alternative consumer and mortgage loans to clients unable to meet BB&T's normal credit and mortgage loan underwriting guidelines;

CRC Insurance Services, Inc., based in Birmingham, Alabama, which is a wholesale insurance broker authorized to do business nationwide; and

McGriff, Seibels & Williams, Inc., based in Birmingham, Alabama, which is authorized to do business nationwide and specializes in providing insurance products on an agency basis to large commercial and energy clients, including many Fortune 500 companies.

Branch Bank-SC, Branch Bank-VA and BB&T Bankcard Corporation

Branch Bank-SC provides a wide range of banking and trust services to retail and commercial clients, including small and mid-size businesses, public agencies, local governments and individuals through 99 banking offices (as of March 31, 2006) located in the State of South Carolina. Branch Bank-VA offers a full range of commercial and retail banking services through 402 banking offices (as of March 31, 2006) located in the Commonwealth of Virginia. BB&T Bankcard Corporation is a special purpose credit card bank.

Major Non-Bank Subsidiaries

We also have a number of non-bank subsidiaries, including:

Scott & Stringfellow, Inc., which is a registered investment banking and full-service brokerage firm that provides services in retail brokerage, equity and debt underwriting, investment advice, corporate finance and equity research, and facilitates the origination, trading and distribution of fixed-income securities and equity products in both the public and private capital markets. It also has a public finance department that provides investment banking, financial advisory services and debt underwriting services to a variety of

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regional taxable and tax-exempt issuers. Scott & Stringfellow's investment banking and corporate and public finance areas do business as BB&T Capital Markets;

Regional Acceptance Corporation, which specializes in indirect financing for consumer purchases of primarily mid-model and late-model used automobiles;

Sheffield Financial LLC, which specializes in loans to individuals and small commercial lawn care businesses across the country for the purchase of outdoor power equipment and power sport equipment;

MidAmerica Gift Certificate Company, which specializes in the issuance and sale of retail gift certificates and giftcards through a nationwide network of authorized mall agents; and

BB&T Asset Management, Inc., which is an independent Registered Investment Advisor and the advisor to the BB&T Funds, provides tailored investment management solutions to meet the specific needs and objectives of individual and institutional clients through a full range of investment strategies, including domestic and international equity and fixed income investing.

Services

The primary services offered by our subsidiaries include:

small business lending

commercial middle market lending

real estate lending

retail lending

home equity lending

sales finance

home mortgage lending

commercial mortgage lending

leasing

asset management

retail and wholesale agency insurance

institutional trust services

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wealth management / private banking

investment brokerage services

capital markets services

factoring

asset-based lending

international banking services

treasury services

electronic payment services

credit and debit card services

consumer finance

payroll processing

THE TRUSTS

Each trust is a statutory trust formed under Delaware law pursuant to separate trust agreements signed by BB&T, as depositor of the trusts, the property trustee, the Delaware trustee and the administrative trustees (each as defined below), and the filing of a certificate of trust with the Delaware Secretary of State. The trust agreement of each trust will be amended and restated in its entirety (as so amended and restated, the trust agreements) prior to the issuance of trust preferred securities by the trusts. The trust agreement of each trust will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

The trusts exist for the exclusive purposes of:

issuing the trust preferred securities and common securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the trusts;

investing the gross proceeds of the trust preferred securities and the common securities, together the trust securities, in junior subordinated debentures issued by BB&T; and

engaging in only those activities necessary or incidental thereto.

All of the common securities will be directly or indirectly owned by us. The common securities of each trust will rank equally, and payments will be made pro rata, with the trust preferred securities of the trust, except that upon an event of default under the applicable trust agreement, the rights of the holders of the common securities to payment in respect of distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the trust preferred securities. We will acquire common securities in an aggregate liquidation amount of \$10,000.

Each trust's business and affairs will be conducted by its trustees, each appointed by BB&T as holder of the common securities. The trustees of each trust will be U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, as the property trustee (the property trustee), Wilmington Trust Company, as the Delaware trustee (the Delaware trustee), and two individual trustees (the administrative trustees) who are employees or officers of, or affiliated with, BB&T. U.S. Bank National Association, as property trustee, will act as sole trustee under the applicable trust agreement for purposes of compliance with the Trust Indenture Act. U.S. Bank National Association also will act as trustee under the guarantees and the junior subordinated indenture. See Description of Guarantees and Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures.

The holder of the common securities of each trust, or the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of each trust's trust preferred securities if an event of default under the applicable trust agreement has occurred and is continuing, will be entitled to appoint, remove or replace the property trustee and/or the Delaware trustee. The right to vote to appoint, remove or replace the administrative trustees is vested exclusively in the holders of the common securities.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, the trusts have a term of approximately 50 years, but may be terminated earlier as provided in the trust agreements.

BB&T will pay all fees and expenses related to the trusts and the offering of trust securities.

The principal executive office of each trust is c/o BB&T Corporation, 200 West Second Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, telephone number (336) 733-2000.

REASON FOR TRANSACTION

The trusts will not be consolidated on our balance sheet as a result of accounting changes reflected in Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, as revised in December 2003. For financial reporting purposes, BB&T will treat each trust and treats BB&T Capital Trust I, an existing trust that owns junior subordinated debentures issued by BB&T, as an unconsolidated subsidiary and report the aggregate principal amount of the junior subordinated debentures BB&T issues to the various trusts as liabilities, record the assets related to the cash and common securities received from the trusts in BB&T's consolidated balance sheet and report interest payable on the junior subordinated debentures as an interest expense in BB&T's consolidated statements of operations.

BB&T expects to treat the trust preferred securities described in this prospectus as Tier 1 capital under the risk-based capital guidelines of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (together with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond or any other Federal Reserve Bank having jurisdiction over BB&T, the Federal Reserve) applicable to bank holding companies. Under those capital guidelines trust preferred securities are a restricted core capital element that, together with other instruments that are restricted core capital elements, are limited to 25% of BB&T's total Tier 1 capital.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Each trust will use the proceeds from the sale of the trust preferred securities to acquire junior subordinated debentures issued by BB&T. BB&T intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of the junior subordinated debentures for general corporate purposes unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement or pricing supplement relating to a specific issue of securities. Our general corporate purposes may include repurchasing shares of our common stock, acquisitions of other companies, and extending credit to, or funding investments in, our subsidiaries and such other purposes indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement. The precise amounts and timing of our use of the net proceeds will depend upon our, and our subsidiaries', funding requirements and the availability of other funds. Pending our use of the net proceeds from the sale of any of the trust's securities for general corporate purposes, we will use the net proceeds to reduce our short-term indebtedness or for temporary investments.

CONSOLIDATED RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for BB&T and its subsidiaries for the periods indicated below were as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Earnings to fixed charges: | | | | | | | |
| Including interest on deposits | 1.96x | 2.47x | 2.22x | 2.88x | 2.24x | 2.05x | 1.56x |
| Excluding interest on deposits | 3.77x | 4.65x | 4.17x | 5.62x | 3.94x | 3.52x | 2.56x |

For purposes of computing these ratios, earnings represent income from continuing operations before extraordinary items and cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles plus income taxes and fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest). Fixed charges, excluding interest on deposits, represent interest (other than on deposits, but including capitalized interest), one-third of rents (the proportion representative of the interest factor) and all amortization of debt issuance costs. Fixed charges, including interest on deposits, represent all interest (including interest on deposits and capitalized interest), one-third of rents (the proportion representative of the interest factor) and all amortization of debt issuance costs.

As of the date of this prospectus, we have no preferred stock outstanding.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

As a financial holding company, BB&T is subject to regulation under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and the examination and reporting requirements of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. For a discussion of the material elements of the regulatory framework applicable to financial holding companies and their subsidiaries and specific information relevant to BB&T, please refer to our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, and any subsequent reports we file with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This regulatory framework is intended primarily for the protection of account holders. As a result of this regulatory framework, our results may be affected by actions of the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (which insures the deposits of our Subsidiary Banks within certain limits and regulates our Subsidiary Banks) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (which regulates the activities of certain subsidiaries engaged in the securities and/or investment advisory business). In addition, our Subsidiary Banks are subject to regulation by state banking authorities.

Depository institutions, like BB&T's Subsidiary Banks, also are affected by various federal laws, including those relating to consumer protection. In addition, BB&T has other financial services subsidiaries that are regulated, supervised and examined by the Federal Reserve and other state and federal regulatory agencies and self-regulatory organizations. BB&T's insurance subsidiaries are regulated, supervised and examined by various state insurance authorities.

Changes to federal laws and regulations as well as to the laws and regulations in the states where we and our subsidiaries do business can affect the operating environment of our financial holding company and its subsidiaries in substantial and unpredictable ways. We cannot accurately predict whether legislation will ultimately be enacted, and, if enacted, the ultimate effect that it, or implementing regulations, would have upon our or our subsidiaries' financial condition or results of operations.

DESCRIPTION OF JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES

We may issue junior subordinated debentures from time to time in one or more series under a junior subordinated indenture, as supplemented from time to time, the junior subordinated indenture, between us and U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, as trustee (the debenture trustee). The junior subordinated indenture will be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, and terms of the junior subordinated debentures will include those stated in the junior subordinated indenture and those made part of the junior subordinated indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act.

Set forth below is a description of the general terms of the junior subordinated debentures in which each trust will invest the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the trust securities. The particular terms of the junior subordinated debentures will be described in the prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the pricing supplement, relating to the particular trust preferred securities being offered.

We will issue the junior subordinated debentures as unsecured debt. The junior subordinated debentures will be fully subordinated as set forth in the junior subordinated indenture. See Subordination. Each series of junior subordinated debentures will rank equally with all other series of junior subordinated debentures. The junior subordinated indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of junior subordinated debentures that may be issued and provides that the junior subordinated debentures may be issued from time to time in one or more series. Because we are a holding company, our rights and the rights of our creditors, including the holders of the junior subordinated debentures, to participate in the assets of any of our subsidiaries upon a subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization will be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary's creditors, except to the extent that we may ourselves be a creditor with recognized claims against the subsidiary. Except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement, the junior subordinated indenture does not limit the incurrence or issuance by us of other secured or unsecured debt.

The applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement relating to the particular junior subordinated debentures being offered will describe the terms of those securities, which may include:

the title of the junior subordinated debentures;

any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of junior subordinated debentures;

the date or dates on which the principal of the junior subordinated debentures is payable or the method of determination thereof;

any fixed or variable interest rate or rates per annum;

the place where the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the junior subordinated debentures will be payable and where the junior subordinated debentures may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;

any provisions for redemption, the redemption price and any remarketing arrangements;

the minimum denominations;

whether the debt securities are denominated or payable in United States dollars or a foreign currency or units of two or more foreign currencies;

if other than the principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities payable upon acceleration of the maturity of the debt securities;

any index used to determine the amount of payment of principal of, and any premium and interest on, the debt securities;

any additional or different events of default that apply to any debt securities of the series and any change in the right of the trustee or the required holders of those debt securities to declare the principal thereof due and payable;

any additional or different covenants that apply to any debt securities of the series;

any additions or changes to the junior subordinated indenture necessary to permit the issuance of the junior subordinated debentures in bearer form, registrable or not registrable as to principal, and with or without interest coupons;

the terms and conditions relating to the issuance of a temporary global security representing all of the junior subordinated debentures and the exchange of such temporary global security for definitive junior subordinated debentures;

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whether the junior subordinated debentures will be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities and the depositary for any such global securities;

the appointment of any paying agent or agents;

the terms and conditions of any obligation or right of BB&T or a holder to convert or exchange the junior subordinated debentures into trust preferred securities; and

any other terms of the debt securities that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable indenture.

Junior subordinated debentures may be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount, bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates. Certain United States federal income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to any such junior subordinated debentures will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

If a prospectus supplement or pricing supplement specifies that the junior subordinated debentures will be denominated in a currency or currency unit other than United States dollars, such prospectus supplement or

pricing supplement shall also specify the denomination in which the junior subordinated debentures will be issued and the coin or currency in which the principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the junior subordinated debentures will be payable, which may be United States dollars based upon the exchange rate for such other currency or currency unit existing on or about the time a payment is due.

If any index is used to determine the amount of payments of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any series of junior subordinated debentures, special United States federal income tax, accounting and other considerations will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

Additional Interest

If at any time a trust is required to pay any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature, other than withholding taxes, imposed by the United States or any other taxing authority, then we will be required to pay additional interest on the junior subordinated debentures. The amount of any additional interest will be an amount sufficient so that the net amounts received and retained by the trust after paying any such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges will be not less than the amounts that the trust would have received had no such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges been imposed. This means that the trust will be in the same position it would have been in if it did not have to pay such taxes, duties, assessments or other charges.

Denominations, Registration and Transfer

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, we will issue the junior subordinated debentures in registered form only, without coupons. Junior subordinated debentures of any series will be exchangeable for other junior subordinated debentures of the same issue and series of any authorized denominations, of a like principal amount, of the same original issue date and stated maturity and bearing the same interest rate.

Junior subordinated debentures may be presented for exchange as provided above, and may be presented for registration of transfer at the office of the appropriate securities registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by us for such purposes. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of the junior subordinated debentures. However, we or the debenture trustee may require a holder to pay an amount sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with a transfer or exchange. We will appoint the debenture trustee as securities registrar under the junior subordinated indenture. If the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement refers to any transfer agent, in addition to the securities registrar initially designated by us with respect to any series of junior subordinated debentures, we may at any time rescind the designation of any such transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any such transfer agent acts, provided that we maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment of such series. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents with respect to any series of junior subordinated debentures. We also may designate in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement the corporate trust department of Branch Bank as an office where the transfer of the registered securities may be registered.

In the event of any redemption, neither we nor the debenture trustee will be required to:

issue, register the transfer of, or exchange, junior subordinated debentures of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of selection for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of notice of redemption; or

transfer or exchange any junior subordinated debentures so selected for redemption except, in the case of any junior subordinated debentures being redeemed in part, any portion thereof not to be redeemed.

Payment and Paying Agents

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, we will pay principal and any premium and interest on junior subordinated debentures (other than those in global form) at the office of the debenture trustee in the City of New York or at the office of any paying agent that we may designate from time to time. However, at our option, we may pay any interest by check mailed to the holders of registered junior subordinated debentures at their registered addresses or by transfer to an account maintained by a holder of registered junior subordinated debentures, as specified in the securities register. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, payment of any interest on junior subordinated debentures will be made to the person in whose name the junior subordinated debentures are registered on the applicable record date, except in the case of defaulted interest. We may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent, provided that we at all times maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for each series of junior subordinated debentures. We also may designate in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement the corporate trust department of Branch Bank as an additional paying agent.

Any amounts deposited with the debenture trustee or any paying agent, or then held by us in trust, for the payment of the principal of any premium, if any, or interest on any junior subordinated debentures and remaining unclaimed for two years after such amounts have become due and payable shall, at our request and subject to applicable escheat law, be repaid to us, and the holder of the junior subordinated debenture will be able to look only to us for payment as a general unsecured creditor.

Option to Defer Interest Payments

If provided in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement, we will have the right from time to time during the term of any series of junior subordinated debentures to defer payment of interest for up to such number of consecutive interest payment periods as may be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement, subject to the terms, conditions and covenants, if any, specified in such prospectus supplement and, if necessary, such pricing supplement. Such deferral, however, may not extend beyond the stated maturity of such series of junior subordinated debentures. Certain United States federal income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to any such junior subordinated debentures will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement.

Redemption

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, the junior subordinated debentures will not be subject to any sinking fund.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement, we may, at our option and subject to receipt of prior approval by the Federal Reserve (if required), redeem the junior subordinated debentures of any series in whole at any time or in part from time to time. If the junior subordinated debentures of any series are so redeemable only on or after a specified date or upon the satisfaction of additional conditions, the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement, will specify such date or describe such conditions. Except as otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement, the redemption price for any junior subordinated debenture so redeemed will equal any accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date, plus 100% of the principal amount thereof.

Except as otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement, if a tax event (as defined below) in respect of a series of junior subordinated debentures or an investment company event or capital treatment event (each as defined below) shall occur and be continuing, we may, at our option and subject to receipt of prior approval by the Federal Reserve (if required), redeem such series of junior subordinated debentures in whole, but not in part, at any time within 90 days following of the

occurrence of such tax event, investment company event or capital treatment event, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such junior subordinated debentures then outstanding plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date fixed for redemption, except as otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement.

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, **tax event** means the receipt by a trust of an opinion of counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of any amendment to, or change (including any announced proposed change) in, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or as a result of any official administrative pronouncement or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or which proposed change, pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of such trust preferred securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that (i) the trust is, or will be within 90 days of the date of such opinion, subject to United States federal income tax with respect to income received or accrued on the corresponding series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures, (ii) interest payable by BB&T on such series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures is not, or within 90 days of the date of such opinion, will not be, deductible by BB&T, in whole or in part, for United States federal income tax purposes, or (iii) the trust is, or will be within 90 days of the date of such opinion, subject to more than a de minimis amount of other taxes, duties or other governmental charges.

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, **investment company event** means the receipt by a trust of an opinion of counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a written change (including any announced prospective change) in interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the trust is or will be considered an **investment company** that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which change or prospective change becomes effective or would become effective, as the case may be, on or after the date of the issuance of the trust preferred securities.

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, **capital treatment event** means our reasonable determination that, as a result of any amendment to, or changes in (including any proposed change), the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or therein, or as a result of any official or administrative pronouncement or action or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or which proposed change, pronouncement, action or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of the trust preferred securities under the applicable trust agreement, there is more than an insubstantial risk that we will not be entitled to treat an amount equal to the liquidation amount of the trust preferred securities as **Tier I Capital** (or the then equivalent thereof) for purposes of the capital adequacy guidelines of the Federal Reserve, as then in effect and applicable to us.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of junior subordinated debentures to be redeemed at its registered address. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on such junior subordinated debentures or portions thereof called for redemption.

Restrictions on Certain Payments

If junior subordinated debentures are issued to a trust or the trustee of a trust in connection with the issuance of trust securities by the trust and:

there shall have occurred and be continuing an event of default with respect to the junior subordinated debentures of which we have actual knowledge and which we have not taken reasonable steps to cure;

we shall be in default relating to our payment of any obligations under the guarantee; or

we shall have given notice of our election to defer payments of interest on the junior subordinated debentures by extending the interest payment period and such period, or any extension of such period, shall be continuing; then we shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions relating to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment relating to, any of our capital stock or make any guarantee payment with respect thereto other than:

repurchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of our capital stock in connection with any employee benefit plans or any other contractual obligation, other than a contractual obligation ranking equally with or junior to the junior subordinated debentures;

as a result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of our capital stock for any other class or series of our capital stock;

the purchase of fractional interests in shares of our capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged;

any declaration of a dividend in connection with any rights plan, or the issuance of rights, stock or other property under any rights plan, or the redemption or repurchase of rights pursuant thereto; or

any dividend in the form of stock, warrants, options or other rights where such stock or stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, options or other rights is the same stock as that on which the dividend is being paid or ranks equally with or junior to such stock; and we shall not make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by us that rank equally with or junior to the junior subordinated debentures.

Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets

The junior subordinated indenture provides that we may not consolidate with, or merge into, any other corporation or convey or transfer our properties and assets substantially as an entirety unless:

the successor entity is a corporation, partnership or trust organized in the United States and expressly assumes our obligations under the junior subordinated indenture;

after giving effect thereto, no event of default and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default, shall have occurred and be continuing under the junior subordinated indenture; and

certain other conditions as prescribed by the junior subordinated indenture are met.

The covenants contained in the indenture would not necessarily protect holders of the junior subordinated debentures in the event of a decline in credit quality resulting from takeovers, recapitalizations or similar restructurings.

Events of Default, Waiver and Notice

The junior subordinated indenture provides that the following are events of default relating to the junior subordinated debentures:

default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, on, any junior subordinated debentures at maturity;

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default for 30 days in the payment of any installment of interest (not otherwise subject to a deferral during an extension period) on any junior subordinated debentures;

default for 90 days after written notice in the performance of any other covenant in respect of the junior subordinated debentures;

default in the payment of interest for ten or more consecutive semi-annual periods; and

specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of BB&T.

We use the term *debenture event of default* to refer to the events of default described above with respect to a corresponding series of junior subordinated debentures.

If an event of default under the junior subordinated indenture shall occur due to a default in the payment of interest for ten or more consecutive semi-annual periods and be continuing, either the debenture trustee or the holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the junior subordinated debentures of that series then outstanding may declare the principal of all junior subordinated debentures of that series to be due and payable immediately. If the holders of junior subordinated debentures fail to make such declaration, the holders of at least 25 percent in aggregate liquidation amount of the related trust preferred securities shall have such right. If an event of default under the junior subordinated debentures shall occur due to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of BB&T, the principal amount of the junior subordinated debentures shall automatically and without any declaration or other action on the part of the debenture trustee or any holder, become due and payable.

The holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of that series of junior subordinated debentures may annul the declaration and waive the default. If the holders of junior subordinated debentures fail to annul such declaration and waive such default, the holders of at least a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the related trust preferred securities shall have such right.

The holders of a majority in aggregate outstanding principal amount of that series of junior subordinated debentures may waive any default, except a default in payment of principal or interest, unless such default has been cured and a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest and principal due other than by acceleration has been deposited with the debenture trustee, or a default in respect of a covenant or provision that under the junior subordinated indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding junior subordinated debenture. If the holders of junior subordinated debentures fail to waive such default, the holders of a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the related trust preferred securities shall have the right to waive such default.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the junior subordinated debentures of any series affected shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the debenture trustee under the junior subordinated indenture.

We are required to furnish to the debenture trustee an annual statement as to the performance of our obligations under the junior subordinated indenture and as to any default in such performance.

If a debenture event of default shall have occurred due to a default in the payment of interest for ten or more consecutive semi-annual periods and be continuing at a time when the junior subordinated debentures are owned by a trust, the property trustee will have the right to declare the principal of, and the interest on, the corresponding junior subordinated debentures and any other amounts payable under the junior subordinated indenture, to be due and payable, and to enforce its other rights as a creditor with respect to the corresponding junior subordinated debentures.

The junior subordinated debentures of a series will be subject to acceleration only as described above in connection with (i) a default in the payment of interest for ten or more consecutive semi-annual periods or (ii) specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of BB&T. If any other debenture event of default occurs as to a series of junior subordinated debentures, holders of the junior subordinated debentures or the debenture trustee on their behalf may seek to enforce the rights of holders of the junior subordinated debentures of the related series but may not declare the principal of the junior subordinated debentures of that series to be due and payable.

Distribution of the Junior Subordinated Debentures

As will be more fully outlined in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement in connection with circumstances involving the dissolution of a trust (provided that any required regulatory approval is obtained), junior subordinated debentures will be distributed to the holders of the trust securities in liquidation of that trust. See Description of Trust Preferred Securities Liquidation Distribution upon Dissolution.

Modification of Junior Subordinated Indenture

From time to time we and the debenture trustee may, without the consent of the holders of the junior subordinated debentures, waive or supplement the junior subordinated indenture for specified purposes, including, among other things:

evidencing the succession of another entity to BB&T;

conveying, transferring, assigning, mortgaging or pledging any property to or with the debenture trustee or surrendering any right or power conferred upon BB&T in the junior subordinated indenture;

adding to the covenants of BB&T for the benefit of other holders of all or any series of securities;

adding any additional events of default for the benefit of other holders of all or any series of securities;

curing ambiguities, defects or inconsistencies without materially and adversely affecting the rights of the holders of the junior subordinated debentures or the related trust preferred securities;

evidencing and providing for the acceptance of appointment under the junior subordinated indenture by a successor trustee with respect to the securities of one or more series and adding to or changing any of the provisions of the indenture as shall be necessary to provide for, or facilitate the administration of, a trust under the indenture by more than one trustee;

qualifying the junior subordinated indenture under the Trust Indenture Act; and

changing or eliminating any of the provisions of the junior subordinated indenture, provided that any such change or elimination shall not apply to any outstanding securities, or shall become effective only when there is no security outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of the supplemental indenture that is entitled to the benefit of such provision.

We and the debenture trustee may make modifications and amendments to the indenture with the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding junior subordinated debentures. However, no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each junior subordinated debenture affected thereby:

modify the payment terms of the junior subordinated debentures; or

reduce the percentage of holders of junior subordinated debentures necessary to modify or amend the indenture or waive compliance by us with any covenant or past default.

If the junior subordinated debentures are held by a trust or the trustee of a trust, no modification may be made that adversely affects the holders of the related trust preferred securities, no termination of the junior subordinated indenture may occur, and no waiver of any event of default or compliance with any covenant will be effective without the prior consent of a majority in liquidation preference of trust preferred securities of

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the trust. If the consent of the holder of each outstanding junior subordinated debenture is required, no modification shall be effective without the prior consent of each holder of related trust preferred securities.

In addition, we and the debenture trustee may execute, without the consent of any holder of junior subordinated debentures, any supplemental junior subordinated indenture for the purpose of creating any new series of junior subordinated debentures.

Enforcement of Certain Rights by Holders of Trust Preferred Securities

If a debenture event of default with respect to a series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures has occurred and is continuing and such event of default is the result of our failure to pay interest or principal on the corresponding junior subordinated debentures when due, a holder of related trust preferred securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against us for enforcement of payment to such holder of the principal of or interest on such corresponding junior subordinated debentures having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the related trust preferred securities. We may not amend the junior subordinated indenture to remove this right without the prior written consent of the holders of all of the trust preferred securities outstanding. If such right is removed, the applicable trust may become subject to reporting obligations under the Exchange Act. We will have the right under the junior subordinated indenture to set off any payment made by us to such holder of trust preferred securities in connection with any such direct action.

The holders of the trust preferred securities will not be able to exercise directly any remedies other than those set forth in the preceding paragraph unless there shall have been an event of default under the applicable trust agreement. See Description of Trust Preferred Securities Events of Default; Notice.

Defeasance and Discharge

The junior subordinated indenture provides that when:

all junior subordinated debentures not previously delivered to the debenture trustee for cancellation have become due and payable or will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year;

we deposit with the debenture trustee, in trust, funds sufficient to pay all the principal of, and interest and premium, if any, on the junior subordinated debentures when such payments are due;

we have paid all other sums payable under the indenture by us; and

we have delivered to the debenture trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that all conditions precedent in the indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture have been complied with;

then the junior subordinated indenture will cease to be of further effect (except as to our obligations to pay all other sums due under the junior subordinated indenture and to provide the officers' certificates and opinions of counsel described therein), and we will be deemed to have satisfied and discharged the junior subordinated indenture.

Conversion or Exchange

The junior subordinated debentures of a series may be convertible or exchangeable into junior subordinated debentures of another series or into trust preferred securities of another series, on the terms provided in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement. Such terms may include provisions for conversion or exchange, either mandatory, at the option of the holder, or at our option, in which case the number of shares of trust preferred securities or other securities to be received by the holders of junior subordinated debentures would be calculated as of a time and in the manner stated in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement.

Subordination

The junior subordinated indenture contains a covenant by us that any junior subordinated debentures issued thereunder will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to all senior debt (as defined below unless specified otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement) to the extent provided therein. If we make any payment or distribution of our assets upon any liquidation, dissolution, winding up, reorganization, assignment for the benefit of creditors, marshaling of assets or any bankruptcy, insolvency, debt restructuring or

similar proceedings in connection with any insolvency or bankruptcy proceeding, the holders of senior debt will first be entitled to receive payment in full of principal of, and premium and interest, if any, on, such senior debt before the holders of junior subordinated debentures will be entitled to receive or retain any payment in respect of the principal of, and premium and interest, if any, on, the junior subordinated debentures. However, holders of senior debt will not be entitled to receive payment of any such amounts if the subordination provisions of such senior debt would require holders to pay such amounts over to the obligees on trade accounts payable or other liabilities arising in the ordinary course of our business.

In the event of the acceleration of the maturity of any junior subordinated debentures, the holders of all senior debt outstanding at the time of such acceleration will first be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due thereon, including any amounts due upon acceleration, before the holders of the junior subordinated debentures will be entitled to receive or retain any payment in respect of the principal of, or premium or interest, if any, on, the junior subordinated debentures. However, the holders of senior debt will not be entitled to receive payment of any such amounts if the subordination provisions of such senior debt would require holders to pay such amounts over to the obligees on trade accounts payable or other liabilities arising in the ordinary course of BB&T's business.

No payments on accounts of principal or premium, if any, or interest in respect of the junior subordinated debentures may be made if there shall have occurred and be continuing a default in any payment with respect to senior debt or an event of default with respect to any senior debt resulting in the acceleration of the maturity thereof, or if any judicial proceeding is pending with respect to any such default.

Debt means, with respect to any person, whether recourse is to all or a portion of the assets of such person and whether or not contingent:

every obligation of such person for money borrowed;

every obligation of such person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, including obligations incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or businesses;

every reimbursement obligation of such person with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or similar facilities issued for the account of such person;

every obligation of such person issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services, other than trade accounts payable or accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business;

every capital lease obligation of such person;

every obligation of such person for claims in respect of derivative products such as interest and foreign exchange rate contracts, commodity contracts and similar arrangements; and

every obligation of the type referred to above of another person and all dividends of another person the payment of which, in either case, such person has guaranteed or is responsible or liable for, directly or indirectly, as obligor or otherwise.

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, senior indebtedness means the principal of, and premium and interest, if any, including interest accruing on or after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy or for reorganization relating to us whether or not such claim for post-petition interest is allowed in such proceeding, on, debt, whether incurred on or prior to the date of the junior subordinated indenture or thereafter incurred, unless, in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding, it is provided that such obligations are not superior in right of payment to the junior subordinated debentures or to other debt that is equal or subordinated to the junior subordinated debentures, other than:

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any debt of BB&T which when incurred and without respect to any election under Section 1111(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330), was without recourse to BB&T;

any debt of BB&T to any of its subsidiaries;

any debt to any of our employees;

any debt which by its terms is subordinated to trade accounts payable or accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business; and

any other debt securities issued pursuant to the junior subordinated indenture.

The junior subordinated indenture places no limitation on the amount of senior indebtedness that we may incur. We expect from time to time to incur additional indebtedness and other obligations constituting senior indebtedness.

The junior subordinated indenture provides that any of the subordination provisions described above that relate to any particular issue of junior subordinated debentures may be changed prior to issuance. Any such change would be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

Governing Law

The junior subordinated indenture and the junior subordinated debentures will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

The Debenture Trustee

The debenture trustee will have all of the duties and responsibilities specified under the Trust Indenture Act. Subject to those provisions, the debenture trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the junior subordinated indenture at the request of any holder of junior subordinated debentures unless offered reasonable indemnity by such holder against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred thereby. The debenture trustee is not required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of its duties if the debenture trustee reasonably believes that repayment or adequate indemnity is not reasonably assured it.

Corresponding Junior Subordinated Debentures

BB&T may issue one or more series of junior subordinated debentures under the junior subordinated indenture with terms corresponding to the terms of a series of related trust preferred securities, the corresponding junior subordinated debentures. In each such instance, concurrently with the issuance of each trust's trust preferred securities, the trust will invest the proceeds thereof and the consideration paid by us for the common securities in the series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures issued by us to the trust. Each series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures will be in the principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the related trust preferred securities and the common securities of the trust and will rank equally with all other series of junior subordinated debentures. Holders of the related trust preferred securities for a series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures will have the rights, in connection with modifications to the junior subordinated indenture or upon occurrence of debenture events of default as described under Modification of Junior Subordinated Indenture, Events of Default, Waiver and Notice and Enforcement of Certain Rights by Holders of Trust Preferred Securities.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, if a tax event relating to a trust shall occur and be continuing, we may, at our option and subject to prior approval of the Federal Reserve (if required), redeem the corresponding junior subordinated debentures at any time within 90 days of the occurrence of such tax event, in whole but not in part, subject to the provisions of the junior subordinated indenture and whether or not such corresponding junior subordinated debentures are then redeemable at our option. The redemption price for any corresponding junior subordinated debentures shall be equal to 100% of the principal amount of such corresponding junior subordinated debentures then outstanding.

plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date fixed for redemption. For so long as the trust is the holder of all the outstanding corresponding junior subordinated debentures of such series, the proceeds of any such redemption will be used by the trust to redeem the corresponding trust securities in accordance with their terms. We may not redeem a series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures in part unless all accrued and unpaid interest has been paid in full on all outstanding corresponding junior subordinated debentures of such series for all interest periods terminating on or prior to the date of redemption.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, we will covenant, as to each series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures:

to directly or indirectly maintain 100% ownership of the common securities of the trust unless a permitted successor succeeds to ownership of the common securities;

not to voluntarily terminate, wind up or liquidate any trust (with the prior approval of the Federal Reserve, if required):

in connection with a distribution of corresponding junior subordinated debentures to the holders of the trust preferred securities in exchange therefor upon liquidation of the trust, or

in connection with certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations permitted by the related trust agreement; and

to use our reasonable efforts, consistent with the terms and provisions of the applicable trust agreement, to cause the trust to remain classified as a grantor trust and not as an association taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes.

DESCRIPTION OF TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES

The trust preferred securities will be issued pursuant to the terms of an amended and restated trust agreement. The trust agreement will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The property trustee, U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, will act as trustee for the trust preferred securities under the trust agreement for purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act. The terms of the trust preferred securities will include those stated in the applicable trust agreement and those made part of the trust agreement by the Trust Indenture Act.

Set forth below is a summary of the material terms and provisions of the trust preferred securities. This summary, which describes the material provisions of the trust preferred securities, is not intended to be complete and is qualified by the trust agreement, the forms of which are filed as an exhibit to the registration statement which contains this prospectus supplement, the Delaware Statutory Trust Act and the Trust Indenture Act.

The declaration authorizes the trustees to issue the trust securities on behalf of each trust. The trust securities represent undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the applicable trust. We will own, directly or indirectly, all of the common securities. The common securities rank equally, and payments will be made on a pro rata basis, with the trust preferred securities. However, if an event of default under the applicable trust agreement occurs and is continuing, the rights of the holders of the common securities to receive payments will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the trust preferred securities.

The trust agreement of the trust does not permit the related trust to issue any securities other than the trust securities or to incur any indebtedness. Under the trust agreements, the property trustee will own the junior subordinated debentures purchased by the related trust for the benefit of the holders of the trust securities. The guarantee agreement we execute for the benefit of the holders of trust preferred securities will be a guarantee on a subordinated basis with respect to the related trust securities but will not guarantee payment of distributions or amounts payable on redemption or liquidation of such trust securities when the trust does not have funds on hand available to make such payments. See Descriptions of Guarantees.

Distributions

Distributions on the trust preferred securities:

will be cumulative;

will accumulate from the date of original issuance; and

will be payable on such dates and in such amounts as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement.

In the event that any date on which distributions are payable on the trust preferred securities is not a business day, then payment of the distribution will be made on the next succeeding business day, and without any interest or other payment in respect to any such delay, except that, if such business day is in the next calendar year, payment of the distribution will be made on the immediately preceding business day. Each date on which distributions are payable in accordance with the foregoing is referred to as a distribution date. The term distribution includes any interest payable on unpaid distributions unless otherwise stated.

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, the amount of distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The amount of distributions payable for any period shorter than a full quarterly period will be computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed per 30-day month. Distributions to which holders of trust preferred securities are entitled will accumulate additional distributions at the rate per annum if and as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

If provided in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, we have the right under the junior subordinated indenture to defer the payment of interest on any series of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures for up to a number of consecutive interest payment periods that will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, relating to such series (an extension period); provided, however, that no extension period may extend beyond the stated maturity of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures.

As a consequence of any such deferral, distributions on the related trust preferred securities would be deferred, but would continue to accumulate additional distributions at the rate per annum set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement for such trust preferred securities during any extension period. See Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures Restrictions on Certain Payments for a description of restrictions on certain payments resulting from deferral of interest on junior subordinated debentures.

The revenue of each trust available for distribution to holders of its trust preferred securities will be limited to payments under the corresponding junior subordinated debentures in which the trust will invest the proceeds from the issuance and sale of its trust securities. See Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures Corresponding Junior Subordinated Debentures. If we do not make interest payments on such corresponding junior subordinated debentures, the property trustee will not have funds available to pay distributions on the related trust preferred securities. The payment of distributions, if and to the extent the trust has funds legally available for the payment of such distributions and cash sufficient to make such payments, is guaranteed by us on the basis set forth under Description of Guarantees.

Distributions on the trust preferred securities will be payable to the holders thereof as they appear on the register of the trust on the relevant record dates, which, as long as the trust preferred securities remain in book-entry form, will be one business day prior to the relevant date of distribution. Subject to any applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of the applicable trust agreement, each such payment will be made as described under Book-Entry Issuance. In the event any trust preferred securities are not in book-entry form, the relevant record date for such trust preferred securities shall be the date at least 15 days prior to the relevant date of distribution, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

Redemption or Exchange

Upon the repayment or redemption, in whole or in part, of any corresponding junior subordinated debentures, whether at maturity or upon earlier redemption as provided in the junior subordinated indenture, the property trustee, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, shall apply the proceeds from such repayment or redemption to redeem a like amount (as defined below) of the trust securities at a redemption price (the redemption price) equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of such trust securities plus accumulated but unpaid distributions up to the date of redemption (the redemption date) and the related amount of the premium, if any, paid by us upon the concurrent redemption of such corresponding junior subordinated debentures. See Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures Redemption. If less than all of any series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures are to be repaid or redeemed on a redemption date, then the proceeds from such repayment or redemption, including the premium, if any, will be allocated pro rata to the redemption of the related trust preferred securities and the common securities.

To the extent provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will have the right to redeem any series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures:

on or after such date as may be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, in whole at any time or in part from time to time; or

at any time, in whole, but not in part, upon the occurrence of a tax event, investment company event or capital treatment event, in any case subject to receipt of prior approval by the Federal Reserve (if required). See Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures Redemption.

If any tax event, investment company event or capital treatment event in respect of a series of trust preferred securities and common securities shall occur and be continuing, we will have the right to redeem the corresponding junior subordinated debentures and thereby cause a mandatory redemption of such trust preferred securities and common securities in whole, but not in part, at the redemption price within 90 days of the occurrence of such event. In the event a tax event, investment company event or capital treatment event in respect of a series of trust preferred securities and common securities has occurred and is continuing and we do not elect to redeem the corresponding junior subordinated debentures and thereby cause a mandatory redemption of such trust preferred securities and common securities or to dissolve the related trust and cause the corresponding junior subordinated debentures to be distributed to holders of such trust preferred securities and common securities in exchange therefor upon liquidation of the trust as described below, such trust preferred securities will remain outstanding.

Like amount means:

with respect to a redemption of any series of trust securities, trust securities of such series having a liquidation amount (as defined below) equal to that portion of the principal amount of corresponding junior subordinated debentures to be contemporaneously redeemed in accordance with the junior subordinated indenture, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the redemption price of such trust securities; and

with respect to a distribution of corresponding junior subordinated debentures to holders of any series of trust securities in exchange therefor in connection with a dissolution or liquidation of the trust, corresponding junior subordinated debentures having a principal amount equal to the liquidation amount of the trust securities of the holder to whom such corresponding junior subordinated debentures would be distributed.

Liquidation amount means the stated amount per trust security as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

Distribution of Corresponding Junior Subordinated Debentures

We will have the right at any time to liquidate each trust and cause the junior subordinated debentures to be distributed to the holders of the trust securities. This may require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve. If the

corresponding junior subordinated debentures are distributed to the holders of the trust preferred securities, we have the right at any time to dissolve each trust and, after satisfaction of the liabilities of creditors of the trust as provided by applicable law, cause such corresponding junior subordinated debentures in respect of the related trust preferred securities and common securities issued by the trust to be distributed to the holders of such related trust preferred securities and common securities in exchange therefor upon liquidation of the trust.

After the liquidation date fixed for any distribution of corresponding junior subordinated debentures for any series of trust preferred securities:

such series of trust preferred securities will no longer be deemed to be outstanding;

the depository or its nominee, as the record holder of such series of trust preferred securities, will receive a registered global certificate or certificates representing the corresponding junior subordinated debentures to be delivered upon such distribution; and

any certificates representing such series of trust preferred securities not held by The Depository Trust Company (DTC) or its nominee will be deemed to represent the corresponding junior subordinated debentures having a principal amount equal to the stated liquidation amount of such series of trust preferred securities, and bearing accrued and unpaid interest in an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid distributions on such series of trust preferred securities until such certificates are presented to the administrative trustees or their agent for transfer or reissuance.

We cannot make any assurances as to the market prices for the trust preferred securities or the corresponding junior subordinated debentures that may be distributed in exchange for trust preferred securities if a dissolution and liquidation of a trust were to occur. Accordingly, the trust preferred securities that an investor may purchase, or the corresponding junior subordinated debentures that the investor may receive on dissolution and liquidation of the trust, may trade at a discount to the price that the investor paid to purchase the trust preferred securities.

Redemption Procedures

Trust preferred securities redeemed on each redemption date will be redeemed at the redemption price with the applicable proceeds from the contemporaneous redemption of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures. Redemptions of the trust preferred securities shall be made and the redemption price shall be payable on each redemption date only to the extent that the related trust has funds on hand available for the payment of such redemption price. See also Subordination of Common Securities.

If a trust gives a notice of redemption of its trust preferred securities, then, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the redemption date, to the extent funds are available, the property trustee will deposit irrevocably with DTC funds sufficient to pay the applicable redemption price and will give DTC irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the redemption price to the holders of such trust preferred securities. See Global Securities Book-Entry, Delivery and Form. If such trust preferred securities are no longer in book-entry form, the property trustee, to the extent funds are available, will irrevocably deposit with the paying agent for such trust preferred securities funds sufficient to pay the applicable redemption price and will give such paying agent irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the redemption price to the holders thereof upon surrender of their certificates evidencing such trust preferred securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, distributions payable on or prior to the redemption date for any trust preferred securities called for redemption will be payable to the holders of such trust preferred securities on the relevant record dates for the related distribution dates. If notice of redemption shall have been given and funds deposited as required, then upon the date of such deposit:

all rights of the holders of such trust preferred securities will cease, except the right of the holders of such trust preferred securities to receive the redemption price, but without interest on such redemption price; and

such trust preferred securities will cease to be outstanding.

In the event that any date fixed for redemption of trust preferred securities is not a business day, then payment of the redemption price will be made on the next succeeding business day, and without any interest or any other payment in respect of any such delay, except that, if such business day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately preceding business day. In the event that payment of the redemption price in respect of trust preferred securities called for redemption is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the trust or by us pursuant to the guarantee as described under Description of Guarantees, distributions on such trust preferred securities will continue to accrue at the then applicable rate, from the redemption date originally established by the trust for such trust preferred securities to the date such redemption price is actually paid, in which case the actual payment date will be the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the redemption price.

Subject to applicable law (including, without limitation, United States federal securities law), we or our subsidiaries may at any time and from time to time purchase outstanding trust preferred securities in the open market or by private agreement.

Payment of the redemption price on the trust preferred securities and any distribution of corresponding junior subordinated debentures to holders of trust preferred securities will be made to the applicable recordholders as they appear on the register for such trust preferred securities on the relevant record date, which shall be one business day prior to the relevant redemption date or liquidation date, as applicable. However, if any trust preferred securities are not in book-entry form, the relevant record date for such trust preferred securities will be a date at least 15 days prior to the redemption date or liquidation date, as applicable, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

If less than all of the trust preferred securities and common securities issued by a trust are to be redeemed on a redemption date, then the aggregate liquidation amount of such trust preferred securities and common securities to be redeemed shall be allocated pro rata to the trust preferred securities and the common securities based upon the relative liquidation amounts of such classes. The property trustee will select the particular trust preferred securities to be redeemed on a pro rata basis not more than 60 days prior to the redemption date from the outstanding trust preferred securities not previously called for redemption, using any method that the property trustee deems fair and appropriate, including the selection for redemption of portions of the liquidation amount of trust preferred securities in the minimum amounts that are specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement. The property trustee shall promptly notify the trust registrar in writing of the related trust preferred securities selected for redemption and the liquidation amount to be redeemed. For all purposes of the applicable trust agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of trust preferred securities shall relate, in the case of any trust preferred securities redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the aggregate liquidation amount of trust preferred securities which has been or is to be redeemed.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to the registered address of each holder of trust securities to be redeemed.

Subordination of Common Securities

Payment of distributions on, and the redemption price of, each trust's trust preferred securities and common securities, as applicable, shall be made pro rata based on the liquidation amount of such trust preferred securities and common securities. If, however, on any distribution date or redemption date a debenture event of default shall have occurred and be continuing, no payment of any distribution on, or redemption price of, any of the trust's common securities, and no other payment on account of the redemption, liquidation or other acquisition of such common securities, shall be made unless payment in full in cash of all accumulated and unpaid distributions on all of the trust's outstanding trust preferred securities for all distribution periods terminating on or prior thereto, or in the case of payment of the redemption price the full amount of such redemption price on all of the trust's outstanding trust preferred securities then called for redemption, shall have been made or provided for, and all funds available to the property trustee shall first be applied to the payment in full in cash of all distributions on, or redemption price of, the trust's trust preferred securities then due and payable.

In the case of any event of default under the applicable trust agreement resulting from a debenture event of default, as holder of the trust's common securities we will be deemed to have waived any right to act with respect to any such event of default under the trust agreement until the effects of all such events of default have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated. Until all events of default under the applicable trust agreement with respect to the trust preferred securities have been so cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, the property trustee shall act solely on behalf of the holders of such trust preferred securities and not on our behalf, and only the holders of such trust preferred securities will have the right to direct the property trustee to act on their behalf.

Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution

Pursuant to the trust agreements, each trust shall automatically dissolve upon expiration of its term and shall dissolve on the first to occur of:

certain events of bankruptcy, dissolution or liquidation of BB&T;

the distribution of a like amount of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures to the holders of its trust securities, if we, as depositor, have given written direction to the property trustee to dissolve the trust, subject to our having received prior approval of the Federal Reserve, if required;

redemption of all of the trust's trust preferred securities as described under Redemption or Exchange Mandatory Redemption; and

the entry of an order for the dissolution of the trust by a court of competent jurisdiction.

If an early dissolution occurs as described above, the trustees will liquidate the trust as expeditiously as possible by distributing to the holders of such trust securities, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the trust as provided by applicable law, a like amount of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures. If the property trustee determines that such distribution is not practical, then the holders will be entitled to receive, out of the assets of the trust available for distribution to holders, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the trust as provided by applicable law, an amount equal to, in the case of holders of trust preferred securities, the aggregate liquidation amount plus accrued and unpaid distributions to the date of payment, the liquidation distribution. If the trust has insufficient assets available to pay in full the aggregate liquidation distribution, then the amounts payable directly by the trust on its trust preferred securities shall be paid on a pro rata basis. The holders of the trust's common securities will be entitled to receive certain distributions upon any such liquidation pro rata with the holders of its trust preferred securities, except that if certain debenture events of default have occurred and are continuing, the trust preferred securities shall have a priority over the common securities.

Events of Default; Notice

Any one of the following events constitutes an event of default under the applicable trust agreement, a trust event of default, regardless of the reason for such event of default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body:

the occurrence of a debenture event of default with respect to the corresponding junior subordinated debentures held by a trust, a debenture event of default (see Description of Junior Subordinated Debentures Events of Default, Waiver and Notice); or

the default by the trust in the payment of any distribution on any trust security of a trust when such becomes due and payable, and continuation of such default for a period of 30 days; or

the default by the trust in the payment of any redemption price of any trust security of a trust when such becomes due and payable; or

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the default in the performance, or breach, in any material respect, of any covenant or warranty of the trustees in the trust agreement, other than a covenant or warranty of default in the performance of which,

or the breach of which, is dealt with above, and continuation of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to us and the defaulting trustee or trustees by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate liquidation amount of the outstanding trust preferred securities of a trust, a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a Notice of Default under the applicable trust agreement; or

the occurrence of certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the property trustee and our failure to appoint a successor property trustee within 90 days.

Within the 90 days after the occurrence of any event of default actually known to the property trustee, the property trustee will transmit notice of such event of default to the holders of the trust preferred securities, the administrative trustees and to us, as depositor, unless such event of default shall have been cured or waived. We, as depositor, and the administrative trustees are required to file annually with the property trustee a certificate as to whether or not we or they are in compliance with all the conditions and covenants applicable to us and to them under the trust agreement and advise them of any defaults.

If a debenture event of default with respect to the corresponding junior subordinated debentures held by a trust has occurred and is continuing, the trust preferred securities of the trust shall have a preference over the trust's common securities as described above. See Subordination of Common Securities and Liquidation Distribution Upon Termination. The existence of a debenture event of default does not entitle the holders of trust preferred securities to accelerate the maturity.

Removal of Trustees

Unless a debenture event of default shall have occurred and be continuing, any trustee may be removed at any time by us, as the holder of the common securities. If a debenture event of default has occurred and is continuing, the property trustee and the Delaware trustee may be removed by the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the outstanding trust preferred securities. In no event will the holders of the trust preferred securities have the right to vote to appoint, remove or replace the administrative trustees, which voting rights are vested exclusively in us, as the holder of the common securities. No resignation or removal of a trustee and no appointment of a successor trustee shall be effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee in accordance with the provisions of the applicable trust agreement.

Co-Trustees and Separate Property Trustee

Unless a debenture event of default shall have occurred and be continuing, at any time or from time to time, for the purpose of meeting the legal requirements of the Trust Indenture Act or of any jurisdiction in which any part of the trust property may at the time be located, we, as the holder of the common securities, and the administrative trustees shall have the power to appoint one or more persons either to act as a co-trustee, jointly with the property trustee, with respect to all or any part of such trust property, or to act as separate trustee of any such property, in either case with such powers as may be provided in the instrument of appointment, and to vest in such person or persons in such capacity any property, title, right or power deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the provisions of the trust agreement. If a debenture event of default has occurred and is continuing, the property trustee alone shall have power to make such appointment.

Merger or Consolidation of Trustees

Any person into which the property trustee, the Delaware trustee or any administrative trustee that is not a natural person may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any person resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such trustee shall be a party, or any person succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of such trustee, shall be the successor of such trustee under the applicable trust agreement, provided such person shall be otherwise qualified and eligible.

Mergers, Consolidations, Amalgamations or Replacements of the Trusts

A trust may not merge with or into, consolidate, amalgamate, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to us or any other person, except as described below or as otherwise described in the trust agreement. A trust may, at our request, with the consent of the administrative trustees and without the consent of the holders of the trust preferred securities, the property trustee or the Delaware trustee, merge with or into, consolidate, amalgamate, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, a trust organized as such under the laws of any state if any one of the following events occur:

such successor entity either:

expressly assumes all of the obligations of the trust with respect to the trust preferred securities, or

substitutes for the trust preferred securities other securities having substantially the same terms as the trust preferred securities, the successor securities, so long as the successor securities rank the same as the trust preferred securities in priority with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise; or

we expressly appoint a trustee of such successor entity possessing the same powers and duties as the property trustee as the holder of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures; or

the successor securities are listed, or any successor securities will be listed upon notification of issuance, on any national securities exchange or other organization on which the trust preferred securities are then listed, if any; or

such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not cause the trust preferred securities to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or

such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the trust preferred securities (including any successor securities) in any material respect; or

such successor entity has a purpose substantially identical to that of the trust; or

prior to such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, we have received an opinion from independent counsel to the trust experienced in such matters to the effect that:

such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the trust preferred securities (including any successor securities) in any material respect, and

following such merger, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, neither the trust nor such successor entity will be required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act; or

we or any permitted successor or assignee owns all of the common securities of such successor entity and guarantees the obligations of such successor entity under the successor securities at least to the extent provided by the guarantee.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, a trust may not, except with the consent of holders of 100% in liquidation amount of the trust preferred securities, consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or be replaced by or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, or replace it if such consolidation, amalgamation, merger, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease would cause the trust or the successor entity to be classified as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

Voting Rights; Amendment of Each Trust Agreement

Except as provided below and under Description of Guarantees Amendments and Assignment and as otherwise required by law and the applicable trust agreement, the holders of the trust preferred securities will have no voting rights.

We and the administrative trustees may amend each trust agreement and may require the property trustee to join in such amendment without the consent of the holders of the trust preferred securities, unless such amendment will materially and adversely affect the interests of any holder of trust preferred securities to:

cure any ambiguity, correct or supplement any provisions in the applicable trust agreement that may be inconsistent with any other provision, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the trust agreement, which may not be inconsistent with the other provisions of the trust agreement; or

modify, eliminate or add to any provisions of the applicable trust agreement to such extent as shall be necessary to ensure that the related trust will be classified for United States federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust at all times that any trust securities are outstanding or to ensure that the trust will not be required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act.

We, the administrative trustees and the property trustee, may amend each trust agreement with:

the consent of holders representing not less than a majority (based upon liquidation amounts) of the outstanding trust securities; and

receipt by the trustees of an opinion of counsel to the effect that such amendment or the exercise of any power granted to the trustees in accordance with such amendment will not affect the related trust's status as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes or the trust's exemption from status as an investment company under the Investment Company Act.

Without the consent of each holder of trust securities, a trust agreement may not be amended to:

change the amount or timing of any distribution required to be made in respect of the trust securities as of a specified dates; or

restrict the right of a holder of trust securities to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such date.

So long as the property trustee holds any corresponding junior subordinated debentures, the trustees may not, without obtaining the prior approval of the holders of a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of all outstanding trust preferred securities:

direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the debenture trustee, or executing any trust or power conferred on the property trustee with respect to such corresponding junior subordinated debentures;

waive any past default that is waivable under the junior subordinated indenture;

exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the corresponding junior subordinated debentures is due and payable; or

consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the junior subordinated indenture or such corresponding junior subordinated debentures, where such consent shall be required.

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If a consent under the junior subordinated indenture would require the consent of each holder of corresponding junior subordinated debentures affected thereby, no such consent may be given by the property trustee without the prior consent of each holder of the corresponding trust preferred securities. The trustees may

not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the holders of the trust preferred securities except by subsequent vote of the holders of the trust preferred securities. The property trustee will notify each holder of the trust preferred securities of any notice of default with respect to the corresponding junior subordinated debentures. In addition to obtaining the foregoing approvals of the holders of the trust preferred securities, prior to taking any of the foregoing actions the trustees will obtain an opinion of counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that such action would not cause the trust to be classified as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

Any required approval of holders of trust preferred securities may be given at a meeting of holders of trust preferred securities convened for such purpose or pursuant to written consent. The property trustee will cause a notice of any meeting at which holders of trust preferred securities are entitled to vote, or of any matter upon which action by written consent of such holders is to be taken, to be given to each holder of record of trust preferred securities in the manner set forth in the applicable trust agreement.

No vote or consent of the holders of trust preferred securities will be required for a trust to redeem and cancel its trust preferred securities in accordance with the applicable trust agreement.

Any of the trust preferred securities that are owned by us or our affiliates or the trustees or any of their affiliates, shall, for purposes of any vote or consent of the holders of trust preferred securities under any of the circumstances described above, be treated as if they were not outstanding.

Payment and Paying Agency

Payments on the trust preferred securities shall be made to the depository, which shall credit the relevant accounts at the depository on the applicable distribution dates. If any trust preferred securities are not held by the depository, such payments shall be made by check mailed to the address of the holder as such address shall appear on the register.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, the paying agent shall initially be U.S. Bank National Association and any co-paying agent chosen by U.S. Bank National Association and acceptable to us and to the administrative trustees. The paying agent shall be permitted to resign as paying agent upon 30 days' written notice to us and to the property trustee. In the event that the property trustee shall no longer be the paying agent, the administrative trustees will appoint a successor, which will be a bank or trust company acceptable to the administrative trustees and to us, to act as paying agent.

Registrar and Transfer Agent

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, the property trustee will act as registrar and transfer agent for the trust preferred securities.

Registration of transfers of trust preferred securities will be effected without charge by or on behalf of each trust, but upon payment of any tax or other governmental charges that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange. The trust will not be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of its trust preferred securities after such trust preferred securities have been called for redemption.

Information Concerning the Property Trustee

Other than during the occurrence and continuance of an event of default, the property trustee undertakes to perform only the duties that are specifically set forth in the applicable trust agreement. After an event of default, the property trustee must exercise the same degree of care and skill as a prudent individual would exercise or use in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the property trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the trust agreement at the request of any holder of trust preferred

securities unless offered indemnity satisfactory to it by such holder against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred. If no event of default has occurred and is continuing and the property trustee is required to decide between alternative courses of action, construe ambiguous provisions in the trust agreement or is unsure of the application of any provision of the trust agreement, and the matter is not one on which holders of trust preferred securities are entitled under the trust agreement to vote, then the property trustee may take any action that we direct. If we do not provide direction, the property trustee may take any action that it deems advisable and in the best interests of the holders of the trust securities and will have no liability except for its own bad faith, negligence or willful misconduct.

Trust Expenses

Pursuant to each trust agreement, we, as depositor, agree to pay:

all debts and other obligations of the related trust (other than with respect to the trust preferred securities);

all costs and expenses of the related trust (including costs and expenses relating to the organization of the trust, the fees and expenses of the trustees and the cost and expenses relating to the operation of the trust); and

any and all taxes and costs and expenses with respect thereto (other than United States withholding taxes) to which the related trust might become subject.

Governing Law

Each trust agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware.

Miscellaneous

The administrative trustees are authorized and directed to conduct the affairs of and to operate each trust in such a way that they will not be required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act or characterized as other than a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes. The administrative trustees are authorized and directed to conduct their affairs so that the corresponding junior subordinated debentures will be treated as indebtedness of BB&T for United States federal income tax purposes. In this connection, we and the administrative trustees are authorized to take any action, not inconsistent with applicable law, the certificate of trust of each trust or the applicable trust agreement, that we and the administrative trustees determine to be necessary or desirable to achieve such end, as long as such action does not materially and adversely affect the interests of the holders of the trust preferred securities.

Holders of the trust preferred securities have no preemptive or similar rights.

The trusts may not borrow money or issue debt or mortgage or pledge any of its assets.

COMMON SECURITIES

In connection with the issuance of trust preferred securities, each trust will issue one series of common securities having the terms, including distributions, redemption, voting and liquidation rights, set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement. Except for voting rights, the terms of the common securities will be substantially identical to the terms of the trust preferred securities. The common securities will rank equally, and payments will be made on the common securities pro rata, with the trust preferred securities, except that, upon certain events of default, the rights of the holders of the common securities to payment in respect of distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the trust preferred securities. Except in limited circumstances, the common securities of each trust carry the right to vote to appoint, remove or replace any of the trustees of that trust. We will own, directly or indirectly, all of the common securities of the trust.

DESCRIPTION OF GUARANTEES

Set forth below is a summary of information concerning the guarantee that we will execute and deliver for the benefit of the holders of trust securities when we issue trust securities. The trust securities guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, will act as the guarantee trustee for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act. The guarantee trustee will hold the trust securities guarantee for the benefit of the holders of the trust securities.

Pursuant to and to the extent set forth in the trust securities guarantee, we will irrevocably and unconditionally agree to pay in full to the holders of the trust securities, except to the extent paid by a trust, as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim which the trust may have or assert, the following payments, which are referred to as guarantee payments, without duplication:

any accrued and unpaid distributions that are required to be paid on the trust securities, to the extent the trust has funds available for distributions;

the redemption price, plus all accrued and unpaid distributions, to the extent the trust has funds available for redemptions, relating to any trust securities called for redemption by the trust; and

upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the trust, other than in connection with the distribution of junior subordinated debentures to the holders of trust securities or the redemption of all of the trust securities, the lesser of:

the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid distributions on the trust securities to the date of payment, and

the amount of assets of the trust remaining for distribution to holders of the trust securities in liquidation of the trust.

The redemption price and liquidation amount will be fixed at the time the trust securities are issued.

Our obligation to make a guarantee payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts to the holders of trust securities or by causing the trust to pay such amounts to such holders.

The trust securities guarantee will not apply to any payment of distributions except to the extent a trust shall have funds available for such payments. If we do not make interest payments on the junior subordinated debentures purchased by the trust, the trust will not pay distributions on the trust securities and will not have funds available for such payments. See Status of the Guarantee. Because we are a holding company, our rights to participate in the assets of any of our subsidiaries upon the subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization will be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary's creditors except to the extent that we may ourselves be a creditor with recognized claims against the subsidiary. Except as otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, the trust securities guarantee does not limit the incurrence or issuance by us of other secured or unsecured debt.

The trust securities guarantee, when taken together with our obligations under the junior subordinated debentures, the related indenture and the applicable trust agreement, including our obligations to pay costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of the trust, other than those relating to trust securities, will provide a full and unconditional guarantee, on a subordinated basis, of payments due on the trust securities.

Pursuant to the trust securities guarantee, we have agreed to irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee the obligations of each trust with respect to the common securities to the same extent as the trust preferred securities, except that upon an event of default under the indenture, holders of trust preferred securities shall have priority over holders of common securities with respect to distributions and payments on liquidation, redemption or otherwise.

Status of the Guarantee

Each guarantee will be unsecured and will rank:

subordinate and junior in right of payment to all our other liabilities in the same manner as the junior subordinated indenture; and

equally with all other trust security guarantees that we issue.

The guarantees will constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection. This means that the guaranteed party may sue the guarantor to enforce its rights under the guarantee without suing any other person or entity. The guarantees will be held for the benefit of the holders of the related trust securities. The guarantees will be discharged only by payment of the guarantee payments in full to the extent not paid by the trust or upon the junior subordinated debentures.

Amendments and Assignment

A trust securities guarantee may be amended only with the prior approval of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the outstanding trust securities. No vote will be required, however, for any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of holders of trust securities. All guarantees and agreements contained in the guarantee will bind our successors, assignees, receivers, trustees and representatives and will be for the benefit of the holders of the trust securities then outstanding.

Termination of the Guarantee

Each trust securities guarantee will terminate upon full payment of the redemption price of all trust securities, upon distribution of the junior subordinated debentures to the holders of the trust securities or upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the trust agreement upon liquidation of the trust. Each guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any holder of trust securities is required to repay any sums paid under the trust securities or the trust securities guarantee.

Events of Default

An event of default under each guarantee will occur if we fail to perform any payment or other obligations under the guarantee.

The holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the trust securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the guarantee trustee in respect of the trust securities guarantee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the guarantee trustee under the guarantee. Any holder of trust securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against us to enforce the guarantee trustee's rights and our obligations under the trust securities guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the trust, the guarantee trustee or any other person or entity.

As guarantor, we are required to file annually with the guarantee trustee a certificate as to whether or not we are in compliance with all applicable conditions and covenants applicable to us and to them under the trust securities guarantee and advise them of any defaults.

Information Concerning the Guarantee Trustee

Prior to the occurrence of a default relating to the trust securities guarantee, the guarantee trustee is required to perform only the duties that are specifically set forth in the trust securities guarantee. Following the occurrence of a default, the guarantee trustee will exercise the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Provided that the foregoing requirements have been met, the guarantee

trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the trust securities guarantee at the request of any holder of trust securities, unless offered indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred thereby.

We and our affiliates maintain certain accounts and other banking relationships with the guarantee trustee, the property trustee and their respective affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

Governing Law

Each trust securities guarantee will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

RELATIONSHIP AMONG TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES, CORRESPONDING JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES AND GUARANTEES

As set forth in the trust agreement, the sole purpose of each trust is to issue the trust securities and to invest the proceeds in the junior subordinated debentures.

As long as payments of interest and other payments are made when due on the junior subordinated debentures, those payments will be sufficient to cover the distributions and payments due on the trust securities. This is due to the following factors:

the aggregate principal amount of junior subordinated debentures will be equal to the sum of the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the trust securities;

the interest rate and the interest and other payment dates on the junior subordinated debentures will match the distribution rate and distribution and other payment dates for the trust securities;

under the junior subordinated indenture, we will pay, and the related trust will not be obligated to pay, directly or indirectly, all costs, expenses, debts and obligations of the trust, other than those relating to the trust securities; and

each trust agreement further provides that the trustees may not cause or permit the related trust to engage in any activity that is not consistent with the purposes of the trust.

To the extent that funds are available, we guarantee payments of distributions and other payments due on the trust securities to the extent described in this prospectus. If we do not make interest payments on the junior subordinated debentures, a trust will not have sufficient funds to pay distributions on the trust securities. The trust securities guarantee is a subordinated guarantee in relation to the trust securities. The trust securities guarantee does not apply to any payment of distributions unless and until the trust has sufficient funds for the payment of such distributions. See Description of Guarantees.

We have the right to set off any payment that we are otherwise required to make under the junior subordinated indenture against any payment that we have previously made or are concurrently on the date of such payment making under a related guarantee.

Each trust securities guarantee covers the payment of distributions and other payments on the trust securities only if and to the extent that we have made a payment of interest or principal or other payments on the junior subordinated debentures. Each trust securities guarantee, when taken together with our obligations under the junior subordinated debentures, the indenture and the applicable trust agreement, will provide a full and unconditional guarantee of distributions, redemption payments and liquidation payments on the trust securities.

If we fail to make interest or other payments on the junior subordinated debentures when due, taking account of any extension period, each trust agreement allows the holders of the trust securities to direct the

property trustee to enforce its rights under the junior subordinated debentures. A holder of trust securities may institute a direct action if a trust agreement event of default has occurred and is continuing and such event is attributable to our failure to pay interest or principal on the junior subordinated debentures when due. A direct action may be brought without first (1) directing the property trustee to enforce the terms of the junior subordinated debentures or (2) suing us to enforce the property trustee's rights under the junior subordinated debentures. In connection with such direct action, we will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of trust securities under the applicable trust agreement to the extent of any payment made by us to such holder of trust securities. Consequently, we will be entitled to payment of amounts that a holder of trust securities receives in respect of an unpaid distribution to the extent that such holder receives or has already received full payment relating to such unpaid distribution from the related trust.

We acknowledge that the guarantee trustee will enforce the trust securities guarantee on behalf of the holders of the trust securities. If we fail to make payments under the trust securities guarantee, the holders of the trust securities may direct the guarantee trustee to enforce its rights thereunder. If the guarantee trustee fails to enforce the trust securities guarantee, any holder of trust securities may directly sue us to enforce the guarantee trustee's rights under the trust securities guarantee. A holder of trust securities may also directly sue us to enforce such holder's right to receive payment under the trust securities guarantee. In either case, such holder need not first (1) direct the guarantee trustee to enforce the terms of the trust securities guarantee or (2) sue the related trust or any other person or entity.

A default or event of default under any of our senior debt would not constitute a default or event of default under the junior subordinated indenture. However, in the event of a payment default under, or acceleration of, our senior debt, the subordination provisions of the junior subordinated indenture provide that no payments may be made in respect of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures until such senior debt has been paid in full or any payment default thereunder has been cured or waived. Failure to make required payments on any series of corresponding junior subordinated debentures would constitute an event of default under the junior subordinated indenture.

We believe that the above mechanisms and obligations, taken together, are equivalent to a full and unconditional guarantee by us of payments due on the trust securities. See [Description of Guarantees](#) General.

Limited Purpose of Trusts

The trust securities evidence a beneficial interest in the trusts and each trust exists for the sole purpose of issuing its trust preferred securities and common securities and investing the proceeds in corresponding junior subordinated debentures issued by BB&T. A principal difference between the rights of a holder of a trust preferred security and a holder of a corresponding junior subordinated debenture is that a holder of a corresponding junior subordinated debenture is entitled to receive from us the principal amount of, and interest accrued on, corresponding junior subordinated debentures held, while a holder of trust preferred securities is entitled to receive distributions from the applicable trust (or from us under the applicable guarantee) if and to the extent the trust has funds available for the payment of such distributions.

Rights Upon Dissolution

Upon any voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding up or liquidation of a trust involving the liquidation of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the trust, the holders of the related trust preferred securities will be entitled to receive, out of the assets held by the trust, the liquidation distribution in cash. See [Description of Trust Preferred Securities](#) Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution. Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or bankruptcy of BB&T, the property trustee, as holder of the corresponding junior subordinated debentures, would be a subordinated creditor of BB&T, subordinated in right of payment to all senior debt as set forth in the junior subordinated indenture, but entitled to

receive payment in full of principal and interest before any of our stockholders receive distributions. Since we are the guarantor under the guarantee and have agreed to pay for all costs, expenses and liabilities of the trust (other than the trust's obligations to the holders of its trust preferred securities), the positions of a holder of such trust preferred securities and a holder of such corresponding junior subordinated debentures relative to other creditors and to our stockholders in the event of liquidation or bankruptcy are expected to be substantially the same.

GLOBAL SECURITIES

Book-Entry, Delivery and Form

We have obtained the information in this section concerning DTC, Clearstream, Euroclear and the book-entry system and procedures from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

Unless otherwise mentioned in the relevant prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the relevant pricing supplement, we and each trust anticipate that trust preferred securities will be issued in the form of one or more global certificates, or global securities, registered in the name of a depository or its nominee. Unless otherwise mentioned in the relevant prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the relevant pricing supplement, the depository will be The Depository Trust Company, commonly referred to as DTC, and global securities will be registered, at the request of DTC, in the name of Cede & Co. Beneficial interests in the global securities will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as participants in DTC. Unless otherwise mentioned in the relevant prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the pricing supplement, investors may elect to hold their interests in the global securities through either DTC (in the United States) or (in Europe) through Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, or Clearstream, formerly Cedelbank, or through Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, or Euroclear. Investors may hold their interests in the securities directly if they are participants in such systems, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in these systems. Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream's and Euroclear's names on the books of their respective depositories, which in turn will hold these interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositories' names on the books of DTC. Unless otherwise mentioned in the relevant prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, Citibank, N.A. will act as depository for Clearstream and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank will act as depository for Euroclear. We refer to Citibank, N.A. and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank in these capacities as the U.S. Depositories. Beneficial interests in the global securities will be held in authorized denominations of such securities. Except as set forth below, the global securities may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee.

Securities represented by a global security can be exchanged for definitive securities in registered form only if:

DTC notifies us and the applicable trust that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for that global security and the trust does not appoint a successor depository within 90 days after receiving that notice;

at any time DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a trust does not appoint a successor depository within 90 days after becoming aware that DTC has ceased to be registered as a clearing agency;

a trust in its sole discretion determines that that global security will be exchangeable for definitive securities in registered form and notifies the trustee of our decision; or

an event of default with respect to the securities represented by that global security has occurred and is continuing. A global security that can be exchanged as described in the preceding sentence will be exchanged for definitive securities issued in authorized denominations of such securities in registered form for the same aggregate amount. The definitive securities will be registered in the names of the owners of the beneficial interests in the global security as directed by DTC.

If applicable, each trust will make payments with respect to all securities represented by a global security to the paying agent which in turn will make payment to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the sole registered owner and the sole holder of the securities represented by global securities. Accordingly, we, the trusts, the trustee and any paying agent will have no responsibility or liability for:

any aspect of DTC's records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in a note represented by a global security;

any other aspect of the relationship between DTC and its participants or the relationship between those participants and the owners of beneficial interests in a global security held through those participants; or

the maintenance, supervision or review of any of DTC's records relating to these beneficial ownership interests.

DTC has advised us that its current practice is to credit participants' accounts on each payment date with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such global security as shown on DTC's records, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information. The underwriter will initially designate the accounts to be credited. Payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a global security will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for customer accounts registered in street name, and will be the sole responsibility of those participants.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a global security, DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner and holder of the securities represented by that global security for all purposes of the securities. Owners of beneficial interests in the securities will not be entitled to have securities registered in their names. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a global security must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if that person is not a DTC participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest, in order to exercise any rights of a holder of these securities. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of the securities in certificated form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

We understand that, under existing industry practices, if we or a trust request holders to take any action, or if an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security desires to take any action that a holder is entitled to take, then DTC would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to take that action and those participants would authorize the beneficial owners owning through such participants to take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Beneficial interests in a global security will be shown on, and transfers of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its participants for that global security. The conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to its participants and by its participants to owners of beneficial interests in the securities will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements in effect.

DTC has advised us that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act.

DTC holds the securities of its participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among its participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants. The electronic book-entry system eliminates the need for physical certificates. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriters, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of which, and/or their representatives, own DTC. Banks, brokers, dealers,

trust companies and others that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly, also have access to DTC's book-entry system. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

DTC has advised us that the above information with respect to DTC has been provided to its participants and other members of the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind.

Clearstream

Clearstream has advised us that it is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a bank. Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations, or Clearstream Participants, and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to Clearstream Participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interacts with domestic securities markets in over 30 countries through established depository and custodial relationships. As a bank, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector (Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier). Clearstream Participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations and may include the underwriter. Clearstream's U.S. Participants are limited to securities brokers and dealers and banks. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Participant either directly or indirectly.

Distributions with respect to securities held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Clearstream.

Euroclear

Euroclear has advised us that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear, or Euroclear Participants, and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear performs various other services, including securities lending and borrowing, and interacts with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., or the Euroclear Operator, under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems plc, a Belgian corporation. All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not Euroclear Clearance Systems. Euroclear Clearance Systems establishes policies for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Euroclear Participants include banks, including central banks, securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriter. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through, or maintain a custodial relationship with, a Euroclear Participant either directly or indirectly.

The Euroclear Operator is a Belgian bank that is regulated by the Belgian Banking Commission.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Terms and Conditions. The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on

a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no record of, or relationship with, persons holding through Euroclear Participants.

Distributions with respect to securities held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depositary for Euroclear.

Euroclear has further advised us that investors that acquire, hold and transfer interests in the securities by book-entry through accounts with the Euroclear Operator or any other securities intermediary are subject to the laws and contractual provisions governing their relationship with their intermediary, as well as the laws and contractual provisions governing the relationship between such an intermediary and each other intermediary, if any, standing between themselves and the global securities.

The Euroclear Operator has advised us that under Belgian law, investors that are credited with securities on the records of the Euroclear Operator have a co-proprietary right in the fungible pool of interests in securities on deposit with the Euroclear Operator in an amount equal to the amount of interests in securities credited to their accounts. In the event of the insolvency of the Euroclear Operator, Euroclear Participants would have a right under Belgian law to the return of the amount and type of interests in securities credited to their accounts with the Euroclear Operator. If the Euroclear Operator did not have a sufficient amount of interests in securities on deposit of a particular type to cover the claims of all Euroclear Participants credited with such interests in securities on the Euroclear Operator's records, all Euroclear Participants having an amount of interests in securities of such type credited to their accounts with the Euroclear Operator would then have the right under Belgian law only to the return of their pro rata share of the amount of interests in securities actually on deposit.

Under Belgian law, the Euroclear Operator is required to pass on the benefits of ownership in any interests in securities on deposit with it (such as dividends, voting rights and other entitlements) to any person credited with such interest in securities on its records.

Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures

Initial settlement for the securities will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Secondary market trading between Clearstream Participants and/or Euroclear Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream and Euroclear and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds in immediately available funds.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream Participants or Euroclear Participants, on the other, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by its U.S. Depositary; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. Depositary to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving securities through DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Clearstream Participants and Euroclear Participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. Depositaries.

Because of time-zone differences, credits with respect to securities received through Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement

processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Such credits or any transactions in securities settled during such processing will be reported to the relevant Euroclear Participants or Clearstream Participants on such business day. Cash received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of sales of securities by or through a Clearstream Participant or a Euroclear Participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Although DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of securities among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and such procedures may be modified or discontinued at any time. Neither we, the trusts nor the paying agent will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective direct or indirect participants of their obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We and each trust may sell securities to or through underwriters, including broker dealer affiliates of BB&T, to be designated at various times, and also may sell securities to dealers, directly to other purchasers or through agents. The distribution of securities may be effected at various times in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

The trust preferred securities will be new issues of securities with no established trading market. It has not presently been established whether the underwriters, if any, of these securities will make a market in these securities. If a market in these securities is made by those underwriters, this market making may be discontinued at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for these securities.

This prospectus, the related prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the related pricing supplement, may be used by our broker dealer affiliates for offers and sales related to market-making transactions in the securities. Such broker dealer affiliates may act as principal or agent in these transactions. These sales will be made at prices related to prevailing market prices at the time of sale or otherwise.

In facilitating the sale of securities, underwriters may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of securities for whom they may act as agents in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions which will not exceed 8%. Underwriters may sell securities to or through dealers, and these dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of securities may be considered underwriters, and any discounts or commissions received by them from us and any profit on the resale of securities by them may be considered underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Any such underwriter or agent will be identified, and any such compensation received from us will be described, in the prospectus supplement relating to those securities.

Unless otherwise mentioned in the relevant prospectus supplement, the obligations of any underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent, and each of the underwriters with respect to a sale of securities will be obligated to purchase all of its securities if any are purchased. Unless otherwise mentioned in the relevant prospectus supplement, any such agent involved in the offer and sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

In connection with an offering of securities, underwriters may purchase and sell these securities in the open market. These transactions may include overallotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover short positions created by underwriters with respect to the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases for preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the securities; and short positions created by underwriters involve the sale by underwriters of a greater number of securities than they are required to purchase from us in the offering. Underwriters also may impose a penalty bid, by which selling concessions allowed to broker dealers in respect of the securities sold in the offering may be reclaimed by underwriters if such securities are repurchased by underwriters in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market; and these activities, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. These transactions may be effected on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Under agreements that we may enter into, underwriters, agents and their controlling persons who participate in the distribution of securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

If so noted in the prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the pricing supplement, relating to any securities, we will authorize dealers or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase any securities from the related trust under contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date. Institutions with which these contracts may be made subject to our approval include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and others. The obligations of any purchaser under any of these contracts will be subject to the condition that the purchase of any securities shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which such purchaser is subject. The underwriters and such other agents will not have any responsibility as to the validity or performance of such contracts.

The participation of BB&T broker dealer affiliates in the offer and sale of the securities must comply with the requirements of Rule 2720 of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. regarding underwriting securities of an affiliate. No NASD member participating in offers and sales will execute a transaction in the securities in a discretionary account without the prior specific written approval of such member's customer.

If BB&T and a trust offer and sell securities directly to a purchaser or purchasers in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, purchasers involved in the reoffer or resale of such securities, if these purchasers may be considered underwriters as that term is defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, will be named and the terms of their reoffers or resales will be mentioned in the relevant prospectus supplement. These purchasers may then reoffer and resell such securities to the public or otherwise at varying prices to be determined by such purchasers at the time of resale or as otherwise described in the relevant prospectus supplement. Purchasers of securities directly from us and the trust may be entitled, under agreements that they may enter into with us and the trust, to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business or otherwise.

Underwriters or agents and their associates may be customers of (including borrowers from), engage in transactions with, and/or perform services for, us, the property trustee and the Delaware trustee, in the ordinary course of business.

VALIDITY OF SECURITIES

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement and, if necessary, the applicable pricing supplement, indicate otherwise, certain matters of Delaware law relating to the validity of the trust preferred securities, the enforceability of the trust agreement and the creation of the trust will be passed upon for us and the trust by Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., special Delaware counsel to us and the trust. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for us by M. Patricia Oliver, Esq., Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Corporate Governance Officer of BB&T, and for any underwriters or agents by counsel selected by such underwriters or agents. Counsel to the underwriters may rely upon the opinion of Ms. Oliver as to matters of North Carolina law, and Ms. Oliver may rely upon the opinion of counsel to the underwriters as to matters of New York law. Ms. Oliver and counsel to the underwriters will rely upon Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., as to matters of Delaware law.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) of BB&T incorporated in this prospectus by reference to BB&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The estimated expenses in connection with the securities registered under this Registration Statement, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, are as follows:

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| Registration statement filing fee | \$ (1) |
| NASD Filing Fees | 75,500 |
| Trustee fees and expenses | 25,000 |
| Legal fees and expenses | 200,000 |
| Accounting fees and expenses | 50,000 |
| Rating agency fees | 300,000 |
| Printing and engraving costs | 15,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 50,000 |
| Total | \$ 715,500(2) |

- (1) To be deferred pursuant to Rule 456(b) and calculated in connection with the offering of securities under this Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 457(r).
- (2) Additional information regarding estimated expenses of issuance and distribution of each identified class of securities being registered will be provided at the time as to such class is included in a prospectus supplement in accordance with Rule 430(B).

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Sections 55-8-50 through 55-8-58 of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act contain specific provisions relating to indemnification of directors and officers of North Carolina corporations. In general, such sections provide that: (i) a corporation must indemnify a director or officer who is wholly successful in his defense of a proceeding to which he is a party because of his status as such, unless limited by the articles of incorporation, and (ii) a corporation may indemnify a director or officer if he is not wholly successful in such defense if it is determined as provided by statute that the director or officer meets a certain standard of conduct, except that when a director or officer is liable to the corporation or is adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him, the corporation may not indemnify him. A director or officer of a corporation who is a party to a proceeding may also apply to a court for indemnification, and the court may order indemnification under certain circumstances set forth in statute. A corporation may, in its articles of incorporation or bylaws or by contract or resolution of the board of directors, provide indemnification in addition to that provided by statute, subject to certain conditions.

BB&T's bylaws provide for the indemnification of any director or officer of the registrant against liabilities and litigation expenses arising out of his status as such, excluding: (i) any liabilities or litigation expenses relating to activities that were at the time taken known or believed by such person to be clearly in conflict with the best interest of BB&T or its affiliates and (ii) that portion of any liabilities or litigation expenses with respect to which such person is entitled to receive payment under any insurance policy.

BB&T's articles of incorporation provide for the elimination of the personal liability of each director of the BB&T to the fullest extent permitted by law.

BB&T maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance that, in general, insures: (i) BB&T's directors and officers against loss by reason of any of their wrongful acts and (ii) BB&T against loss arising from claims against the directors and officers by reason of their wrongful acts, all subject to the terms and conditions contained in the policy.

Certain rules of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit the ability of certain depository institutions, their subsidiaries and their affiliated depository institution holding companies to indemnify affiliated parties, including institution directors. In general, subject to the ability to purchase directors and officers liability insurance and to advance professional expenses under certain circumstances, the rules prohibit such institutions from indemnifying a director for certain costs incurred with regard to an administrative or enforcement action commenced by any federal banking agency that results in a final order or settlement pursuant to which the director is assessed a civil money penalty, removed from office, prohibited from participating in the affairs of an insured depository institution or required to cease and desist from or take an affirmative action described in Section 8(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)).

Under the respective trust agreement of BB&T Capital Trust II and BB&T Capital Trust III, BB&T will agree to indemnify the trustees of the issuer trusts, and to hold the trustees harmless against, any loss, damage, claims, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the applicable trust agreement, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under such trust agreements.

Item 16. Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this registration statement pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1.1 | Form of Underwriting Agreement for Trust Preferred Securities* |
| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of BB&T, as amended, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i) of BB&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 7, 2005 (Article IV of Exhibit 3(i) relates to Junior Participating Preferred Stock) |
| 4.2 | Bylaws of BB&T, as Amended and Restated effective April 25, 2006, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) of BB&T's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 25, 2006 |
| 4.3 | Junior Subordinated Indenture (including Form of Junior Subordinated Debenture) between BB&T and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, dated as of August 18, 2005, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of BB&T's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 24, 2005 |
| 4.4 | First Supplemental Indenture between BB&T and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, dated as of August 18, 2005, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 of BB&T's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 24, 2005 |
| 4.5 | Certificate of Trust of BB&T Capital Trust II, as filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on May 12, 2006 |
| 4.6 | Certificate of Trust of BB&T Capital Trust III, as filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on May 12, 2006 |
| 4.7 | Trust Agreement of BB&T Capital Trust II dated as of May 12, 2006, among BB&T, Wilmington Trust Company, as Delaware Trustee, and the Administrative Trustees named therein |
| 4.8 | Trust Agreement of BB&T Capital Trust III dated as of May 12, 2006, among BB&T, Wilmington Trust Company, as Delaware Trustee, and the Administrative Trustees named therein |

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| 4.9 | Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement for BB&T Capital Trust II among BB&T Corporation, as depositor, U.S. Bank National Association, as Property Trustee, Wilmington Trust Company, as Delaware Trustee, and the Administrative Trustees named therein |
| 4.10 | Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement for BB&T Capital Trust III among BB&T Corporation, as depositor, U.S. Bank National Association, as Property Trustee, Wilmington Trust Company, as Delaware Trustee, and the Administrative Trustees named therein |
| 4.11 | Form of Guarantee Agreement for BB&T Capital Trust II between BB&T Corporation, as guarantor, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee |
| 4.12 | Form of Guarantee Agreement for BB&T Capital Trust III between BB&T Corporation, as guarantor, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee |
| 4.13 | Form of Capital Security Certificate for BB&T Capital Trust II (included as Exhibit C to Exhibit 4.9) |
| 4.14 | Form of Capital Security Certificate for BB&T Capital Trust III (included as Exhibit C to Exhibit 4.10) |
| 5.1 | Opinion of M. Patricia Oliver, Esq., Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Corporate Governance Officer of BB&T |
| 5.2 | Opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. with respect to BB&T Capital Trust II |
| 5.3 | Opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. with respect to BB&T Capital Trust III |
| 8.1 | Tax opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.* |
| 12.1 | Statement re Computation of Ratios, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 12 of BB&T's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 5, 2006 |
| 23.1 | Consent of M. Patricia Oliver, Esq., Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Corporate Governance Officer of BB&T (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 23.2 | Consent of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. (included in Exhibits 5.2 and 5.3) |
| 23.3 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney |
| 25.1 | Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 of U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, under the Junior Subordinated Indenture |
| 25.2 | Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 of U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, under the Guarantee Agreement with respect to the Trust Preferred Securities of BB&T Capital Trust II |
| 25.3 | Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 of U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, under the Guarantee Agreement with respect to the Trust Preferred Securities of BB&T Capital Trust III |
| 25.4 | Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 of U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, under the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of BB&T Capital Trust II |
| 25.5 | Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 of U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, under the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of BB&T Capital Trust III |

* To be filed subsequently on Form 8-K or by a post-effective amendment

Item 17. Undertakings.

Each of the undersigned Registrants hereby undertakes:

- (a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (1) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
 - (2) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;
 - (3) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (1) and (2) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrants pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.
- (b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (d) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
 - (1) Each prospectus filed by a Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (2) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of the registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

- (e) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrants under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, each undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of such undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, such undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
- (1) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of such undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
 - (2) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of such undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by such undersigned Registrant;
 - (3) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about such undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of such undersigned Registrant; and
 - (4) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by such undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.
- (f) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (g) To file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act (Act) in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Act. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of each Registrant pursuant to the provisions described under Item 15 above, or otherwise, each of the Registrants has been advised that, in the opinion of the Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by each Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of each Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, each of the Registrants will, unless, in the opinion of their counsel, the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Winston-Salem, State of North Carolina, on May 18, 2006.

BB&T CORPORATION

By: /s/ M. Patricia Oliver
Name: M. Patricia Oliver
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel,

Secretary and Chief Corporate Governance Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement on Form S-3 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on May 18, 2006.

* /s/ John A. Allison, IV
Name: John A. Allison, IV
Title: Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

* /s/ Edward D. Vest
Name: Edward D. Vest
Title: Executive Vice President and Corporate Controller

(principal accounting officer)

* /s/ Anna R. Cablik
Name: Anna R. Cablik
Title: Director

* /s/ Tom D. Efird
Name: Tom D. Efird
Title: Director

* /s/ L. Vincent Hackley
Name: L. Vincent Hackley
Title: Director

* /s/ John P. Howe III, M.D.
Name: John P. Howe III, M.D.
Title: Director

* /s/ Christopher L. Henson
Name: Christopher L. Henson
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial officer)

* /s/ Jennifer S. Banner
Name: Jennifer S. Banner
Title: Director

* /s/ Nelle Ratrie Chilton
Name: Nelle Ratrie Chilton
Title: Director

* /s/ Ronald E. Deal
Name: Ronald E. Deal
Title: Director

* /s/ Barry J. Fitzpatrick
Name: Barry J. Fitzpatrick
Title: Director

* /s/ Jane P. Helm
Name: Jane P. Helm
Title: Director

* /s/ Albert O. McCauley
Name: Albert O. McCauley
Title: Director

* /s/ J. Holmes Morrison
Name: J. Holmes Morrison
Title: Director

* /s/ Nido R. Qubein
Name: Nido R. Qubein
Title: Director

* /s/ E. Rhone Sasser
Name: E. Rhone Sasser
Title: Director

*By: /s/ M. Patricia Oliver
Name: M. Patricia Oliver
Attorney-in-Fact

* /s/ James H. Maynard
Name: James H. Maynard
Title: Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, BB&T Capital Trust II certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Winston-Salem, State of North Carolina, on May 18, 2006.

BB&T CAPITAL TRUST II

BY: BB&T CORPORATION, AS DEPOSITOR

By: /s/ M. Patricia Oliver
Name: M. Patricia Oliver
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel,

Secretary and Chief Corporate Governance Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, BB&T Capital Trust III certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Winston-Salem, State of North Carolina, on May 18, 2006.

BB&T CAPITAL TRUST III

BY: BB&T CORPORATION, AS DEPOSITOR

By: /s/ M. Patricia Oliver
Name: M. Patricia Oliver
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel,

Secretary and Chief Corporate Governance Officer