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## April 6, 2007

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend Trustmark Corporation's annual meeting of shareholders. This meeting will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel, located at 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi, on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

At the meeting, shareholders will elect a board of directors and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Prior to the meeting, please carefully read the accompanying proxy statement.

Thank you for your support of Trustmark.

Sincerely, Richard G. Hickson Chairman and CEO

## Trustmark Corporation 248 East Capitol Street Jackson, MS 39201

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

DATE AND TIME	Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.
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LOCATION	Grand Ballroom Hilton Hotel 1001 East County Line Road Jackson, Mississippi 39211
ITEMS OF BUSINESS	<ol> <li>To elect a board of twelve directors to hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors are elected and qualified.</li> <li>To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.</li> </ol>
RECORD DATE	Shareholders of record on March 12, 2007, are eligible to vote at the meeting in person or by proxy.
PROXY VOTING/REVOCATION 	You are urged to sign and return the enclosed proxy promptly, whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. If you do attend the meeting, you may revoke your proxy prior to the voting thereof. You may also revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by written notice to the Secretary of Trustmark Corporation or by delivery to the Secretary of a subsequently dated proxy.
	T. Harris Collier III Secretary to the Board

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Solicitation by the Board of Directors

This proxy statement is being sent on or about April 6, 2007, in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Trustmark Corporation (Trustmark) of proxies to be voted at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and at any adjournment or postponement thereof for the purposes set forth in the foregoing Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

#### Meeting Location, Date and Time

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel, located at 1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi 39211, on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Shareholders Entitled to Vote**

Shareholders of record at the close of business on March 12, 2007, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting in person or by proxy. On the record date, Trustmark had outstanding 58,596,149 shares of common stock.

#### **Required Vote**

A majority of the shares outstanding constitutes a quorum. The twelve candidates for election as directors who receive the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected. In the election of directors, each shareholder may vote his shares cumulatively by multiplying the number of shares he is entitled to vote by the number of directors to be elected. This product constitutes the number of votes the shareholder may cast for one nominee or distribute among any number of nominees. Each share is entitled to one vote on other issues, and the issue will be approved if the votes cast in favor of the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action. While abstentions and broker non-votes (shares held by brokerage customers that may not be voted on certain matters because the broker has not received specific instructions from the customers) are counted for purposes of determining a quorum, they are not otherwise counted and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of any issue.

All valid proxies received by Trustmark will be voted in accordance with the instructions indicated in such proxies. If no instructions are indicated in an otherwise properly executed proxy, it will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors of Trustmark.

#### How to Vote

Shareholders of record can vote in person at the annual meeting or by proxy without attending the annual meeting. To vote by proxy, either:

- Complete the enclosed proxy card, sign, date and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, (1)
  - Vote by telephone (instructions are on the proxy card), or (2)(3)

Vote by Internet (instructions are on the proxy card).

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

Any shareholder may revoke a proxy at any time before it is voted by written notice to the Secretary, by revocation at the meeting or by delivery to the Secretary of a subsequently dated proxy.

#### **Voting on Other Matters**

The Board of Directors is not aware of any additional matters likely to be brought before the meeting. If other matters do come before the meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy or their substitutes will vote the shares represented by such proxies in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors of Trustmark.

## **Cost of Proxy Solicitation**

Solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail. Associates of Trustmark and its subsidiaries may be used to solicit proxies by means of telephone or personal contact but will not receive any additional compensation for doing so. Banks, brokers, trustees and nominees will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in sending proxy materials to the beneficial owners of such shares. The total cost of the solicitation will be borne by Trustmark.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Trustmark implemented an enhanced governance structure in April 2002. The effectiveness and efficiency of Trustmark's corporate decision-making processes were improved through the implementation of a committee structure and revised director accountabilities that best enable the Board to address issues such as business growth, human capital and technology.

Provisions of Trustmark's governance structure include, among other things, a mandatory retirement age of 68, required notification of changes in professional responsibilities and residence, a director's attendance policy, as well as the authority to seek advice or counsel from external advisers on an as-needed basis.

## **Board Mission**

The role of the Board is to foster Trustmark's long-term success consistent with its fiduciary responsibilities to shareholders. As part of this role, Trustmark's Board is responsible for:

- Providing strategic guidance and oversight,
- Acting as a resource on strategic issues and in matters of planning and policy-making,
  - Ensuring that management's operations contribute to Trustmark's financial soundness,
    - Promoting social responsibility and ethical business conduct,

Providing insight and guidance on complex business issues and problems in the banking and financial services industries,

Ensuring that an effective system is in place to facilitate selection, succession planning and compensation of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and

Ensuring Trustmark's compliance with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

The Board has adopted, and annually reviews, formal charters for the Board and its committees to address the governance guidelines and responsibilities of each. Likewise, the Board has adopted codes of conduct for directors, senior financial officers and associates. These materials are available on Trustmark's website at www.trustmark.com or may be obtained by written request addressed to the Secretary of the Board, Trustmark Corporation, Post Office Box 291, Jackson, MS 39205-0291.

#### Meetings of the Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors met five times in 2006. Each director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and board committees of which the director was a member in 2006.

#### **Director Attendance at Annual Meeting**

Directors are expected to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and in 2006, all directors were present.

#### **Director Independence**

The Board has affirmatively determined that the following directors and director nominees are "non-employee directors" (within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act), "outside directors" (within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code) and "independent directors" (within the meaning of Rule 4200(15) of the NASDAQ Marketplace Rules):

J. Kelly Allgood Reuben V. Anderson Adolphus B. Baker William C. Deviney, Jr. C. Gerald Garnett

#### **Lead Director**

Daniel A. Grafton John M. McCullouch Richard H. Puckett R. Michael Summerford Kenneth W. Williams

Trustmark's Chairman of the Board also serves as CEO. Therefore, under the governance guidelines set forth in Trustmark's Board Charter, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Reuben V. Anderson, serves as the Board's Lead Director. The primary responsibility of the Lead Director is to chair meetings of the non-management directors, and in 2006, the Board held five such independent sessions. The Lead Director also refers to the appropriate board committees any issue brought to his attention by shareholders, directors or others.

### **Committees of the Board of Directors**

There are five committees that collectively provide guidance on strategic issues, planning and policymaking: Audit and Finance, Executive, Human Resources, Nominating and Strategic Planning. The committees are comprised solely of independent directors, with the exception of the Executive and Strategic Planning Committees.

### Audit and Finance Committee

Under the terms of its Charter, the Audit and Finance Committee meets at least five times a year and is responsible for, among other things, annual approval of the independent auditors, oversight of audit activities, financial reporting and regulatory compliance, as well as review and approval of Trustmark's profit plan. The Committee meets with the independent and internal auditors without management present on a regular basis.

The Audit and Finance Committee Charter is posted on Trustmark's website at www.trustmark.com under *Investor Relations/Corporate Governance/Audit and Finance Committee Charter*.

#### **Executive** Committee

The Executive Committee acts on behalf of the Board if a matter requires Board action before a meeting of the Board can be held. The Committee is responsible for reviewing the corporate governance structure and annually evaluating each director's performance against specific performance criteria.

#### Human Resources Committee

The role of the Human Resources Committee is to ensure that appropriate policies and practices are in place to facilitate the development of management talent, orderly CEO succession planning, corporate social responsibility and the setting of management compensation.

The Human Resources Committee Charter is posted on Trustmark's website at www.trustmark.com under *Investor Relations/Corporate Governance/Human Resources Committee Charter*.

#### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of seeking, interviewing and recommending to the Board of Directors qualified candidates for Board and committee membership. The Nominating Committee Charter is posted on Trustmark's website at www.trustmark.com under *Investor Relations/Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee Charter*.

#### Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee provides guidance to management on the strategic planning process and issues of strategic importance including business growth and expansion, material transactions and technology. The Committee is also responsible for monitoring progress with Trustmark's long-term strategic and financial objectives.

#### **Committee Membership**

The following table shows the current membership of each committee and the number of meetings held by each committee during 2006.

	Audit and		Human		Strategic
Director	Finance	Executive	Resources	Nominating	Planning
J. Kelly Allgood	Х	Х		Х	Х
Reuben V. Anderson		Chair	Х	Х	Х
William C. Deviney, Jr.			Х		
C. Gerald Garnett		Х	Х	Х	Х
Daniel A. Grafton		Х	Chair	Х	Х
Richard G. Hickson		Х			
John M. McCullouch		Х		Chair	Х
Richard H. Puckett	Х				
R. Michael Summerford	Chair	Х	Х	Х	Х
Kenneth W. Williams	Х				
William G. Yates, Jr.		Х			Chair
2006 Meetings	5	9	7	1	3

#### **Director Compensation for 2006**

The following table provides compensation information for the year ended December 31, 2006, for each non-employee member of Trustmark's Board of Directors.

	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	] <b>Option</b>	Incentive Plan	Change in Pension Value and yNon-qualified Deferred Compensation A on Earnings Cor		Total
<b>Director</b> (1)	(\$)(2)	(\$)	(\$)(3)(4)	(\$)	(\$)(5)	(\$)	(\$)
(_)	\$	( + )	\$	( + )	(+)(-)	( + )	\$
J. Kelly Allgood	34,500		12,090		\$ 38,054		84,644
	\$		\$				\$
Reuben V. Anderson	35,750		14,093		\$ 100,902		150,745
William C. Deviney,	\$		\$				\$
Jr.	26,250		12,090		\$ 62,793		101,133
	\$		\$				\$
C. Gerald Garnett	34,500		12,182				46,682
	\$		\$				\$
John M. McCullouch	24,000 \$		12,090 \$				36,090 \$
Richard H. Puckett	پ 22,250		م 12,090		\$ 32,871		э 67,211
R. Michael	\$		\$		\$ 52,071		\$
Summerford	44,250		12,090				56,340
Summerrord	\$		\$				\$
Kenneth W. Williams	22,000		16,613		\$ 54,379		92,992
	\$		\$		. ,		\$
William G. Yates, Jr.	23,750		16,613				40,363
Matthew L. Holleman	\$		\$				\$
III (6)	37,000		12,090		\$ 38,867		87,957

(1) Richard G. Hickson, Trustmark's CEO, is not included in this table as he is an associate of Trustmark and thus receives no compensation for his service as a director on the Trustmark Board. The compensation received by Mr. Hickson as an associate of Trustmark is shown in the Summary Compensation Table on page 18.

(2) Includes fees deferred pursuant to the voluntary Trustmark Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan and/or the Directors' Deferred Fee Plan.

(3) Reflects the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with FAS 123(R), and thus includes amounts from awards granted in and prior to 2006. The directors had the following options outstanding from grants under Trustmark's stock and incentive compensation plans: McCullouch, Summerford - 6,000 each, Yates - 11,000, all other directors - 12,000 each.

(4) The grant date fair value of options awarded in 2006, computed in accordance with FAS 123(R), was \$14,552 for each director.

(5) The amounts in this column reflect the actuarial increase in the present value of the director's accrued benefits under Trustmark's Directors' Deferred Fee Plan, determined using interest rate and mortality rate assumptions consistent with those used in Trustmark's audited financial statements and includes amounts which the director may not currently be entitled to receive because such amounts are not yet vested.

(6) *Mr. Holleman resigned from the Board effective January 1, 2007.* 

Prior to May 9, 2006, directors received an annual retainer of \$12,000 plus \$1,000 for each Board meeting attended. The Executive Committee Chairman received an additional retainer of \$6,000 per year. All other Executive Committee members received an additional retainer of \$3,000 per year. All committee chairs and committee members received \$750 and \$500, respectively, for each committee meeting attended.

Based on an internal study during 2006 of compensation paid to directors of comparable financial institutions, the Board approved changes to the Trustmark Director Compensation schedule, which became effective on May 9, 2006. The changes to the schedule increased the fees paid to \$1,500 for each Board meeting attended, as well as to \$1,250 and \$1,000 for committee chairs and committee members, respectively, for each committee meeting attended. Additionally, an annual retainer of \$12,000 was approved for the Audit and Finance Committee Chair. The CEO receives no compensation for Board or committee service.

Trustmark provides non-employee directors who became directors prior to 2003 the opportunity to participate in the Directors' Deferred Fee Plan. Under the plan, participating directors may defer up to \$12,000 of fees annually to fund a portion of the cost of their defined retirement benefits and death benefits. The amount of the retirement benefit and death benefit is determined based upon the participant's annual contribution amount, the length of Board service (with accrual and vesting occurring pro-rata assuming Board service to age 65) and the age of the director at date of entry into the plan. Depending on a number of factors, the projected annual benefit at retirement is payable for the longer of life or twenty-five years and ranges from \$20,000 to \$133,000 for current directors electing to participate in the plan. The vested annual benefit as of December 31, 2006, payable at retirement to current directors electing to participate in the plan ranges from \$21,000 to \$86,000. If a participating director dies prior to retirement, his beneficiary will receive a scheduled death benefit for ten years. If the plan is terminated, or a director's Board service is terminated, within three years after a change in control of Trustmark (as defined in the plan), affected directors will be credited with up to an additional five years of Board service for purposes of determining retirement benefits at age 65. Trustmark has purchased life insurance policies on participating directors to fund the benefits to be paid under this plan.

Non-employee directors are eligible to receive stock option awards under the Trustmark Corporation 2005 Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan. On May 9, 2006, each non-employee director received an option grant of 2,000 shares pursuant to the plan. These options vest in equal installments over a five-year period and expire in 2013. Accelerated vesting and exercisability of these options is provided upon a change in control of Trustmark (as defined in the plan). In addition to the Directors' Deferred Fee Plan described above, non-employee directors may defer all or a part of their annual retainer and meeting fees (excluding any contribution to the Directors' Deferred Fee Plan) pursuant to Trustmark's Deferred Compensation Plan. The compensation deferred is credited to a liability account, which is deemed invested in and mirrors the performance of one or more designated investment funds available under the plan and selected at the option of the director. The deferred compensation account will be paid in a lump sum or in annual installments at a designated time upon the occurrence of an unforeseen emergency or upon a director's cessation of service on the Board.

#### **Communications with Directors**

Shareholders desiring to contact Trustmark's Board of Directors may do so by sending written correspondence to Board of Directors, Trustmark Corporation, Post Office Box 291, Jackson, MS 39205-0291 or by e-mail to boardofdirectors@trustmark.com.

Communications will be referred to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, who will determine the appropriate committee to receive the communication and take any action deemed necessary by that committee. Complaints relating to Trustmark's accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters should be directed to Trustmark's General Counsel/Secretary to the Board, Trustmark Corporation, Post Office Box 291, Jackson, MS 39205-0291 or by calling 1-800-844-2000 (extension 5088) or 1-601-208-5088.

#### **Nomination of Directors**

Nominations for election to the Board of Directors may be made by the Board of Directors or by any shareholder of any outstanding class of capital stock of Trustmark entitled to vote for the election of directors. Nominations other than those made by or on behalf of the existing management of Trustmark shall be made in writing and shall be delivered or mailed to Trustmark's Chairman of the Board not less than fourteen days nor more than fifty days prior to any meeting of shareholders called for the election of directors; provided, however, that if less than twenty-one days' notice of the meeting is given to shareholders, such nomination shall be mailed or delivered to the Chairman of the Board not later than the close of business on the seventh day following the day on which the notice of the meeting was mailed. Such notification shall contain the following information to the extent known to the notifying shareholder: (a) the name and address of each proposed nominee; (b) the principal occupation of each proposed nominee; (c) the total number of shares of capital stock of Trustmark that will be voted for each proposed nominee; (d) the name and residence address of the notifying shareholder; and (e) the number of shares of capital stock of Trustmark that will be voted for each proposed nominee; (d) the name and residence address of the notifying shareholder; and (e) the number of shares of capital stock of Trustmark that will be voted for each proposed nominee; (d) the name and residence address of the notifying shareholder; and (e) the number of shares of capital stock of Trustmark that will be voted for each proposed nominee; (d) the name and residence address of the notifying shareholder; and (e) the number of shares of capital stock of Trustmark owned by the notifying shareholder.

Nominations not made in accordance with the above procedure may be disregarded by the Chairman of the meeting at his discretion, and upon his instructions, all votes cast for each such nominee may be disregarded. Trustmark's bylaws permit direct nominations by shareholders. Therefore, the Nominating Committee does not have a policy for considering nominees recommended by shareholders through the process outlined above. However, if a shareholder wishes to recommend an individual for Board service, rather than directly nominate the individual as set forth above, the shareholder may submit the individual's name to the Nominating Committee in writing addressed to Trustmark Corporation Nominating Committee, Post Office Box 291, Jackson, MS 39205-0291 or by e-mail to boardofdirectors@trustmark.com. In order to give the Nominating Committee adequate time to consider any such individual for nomination as a director at the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, such recommendations should be delivered no later than October 1, 2007. In considering an individual recommended by a shareholder but not directly nominated, the Nominating Committee will use the same guidelines as set forth in the Director Qualifications. When identifying potential candidates for director nominees, the Committee may solicit suggestions from incumbent directors, management or others. With regard to the proposed nominees for 2007, all nominees have previously served on the Board, except Adolphus B. Baker, who was submitted for consideration by management, and Daniel A.

Grafton, who was submitted for consideration by management and was appointed to the Board on January 16, 2007.

## **Director Qualifications**

The Board believes that in order to appropriately carry out their roles, directors must demonstrate a variety of personal traits, leadership qualities and competencies. In considering nominees submitted by the Board or management, the Nominating Committee will use these traits, leadership qualities and individual competencies to assess future director nominees' suitability for Board service.

## Personal Traits

Board service is an extremely important, high profile role and carries with it significant responsibility. For that reason, it is important that all directors possess a certain set of personal traits, including:

- Personal and Professional Integrity
- Accountability
- Informed Business Judgment
- Mature Confidence

## Leadership Qualities

High Performance Standards

- Initiative and Responsiveness
- Business Credibility

When seeking individuals to fill leadership roles, the following skill sets are required:

- Communication Skills
- Crisis Management Skills

- Facilitation Skills
- Relationship Building/Networking

## Individual Competencies

There are certain competencies that must be represented collectively by the directors on each Board committee, but each individual director need not necessarily possess all of them. The specific competencies vary by committee, as illustrated in the chart below:

	Board Committees				
Individual Director	Audit and		Human		Strategic
Competencies	Finance	Executive	Resources	Nominating	Planning
1. Financial Acumen					
Accounting & finance	ü	ü		ü	ü
knowledge					
Financial statement analysis	ü				
Knowledge of capital markets	ü				ü
Financial planning	ü				
Ability to communicate	ü				ü
financial concepts in lay terms					
2. Organizational					
Effectiveness					
Talent management			ü		
Understanding of			ü		
compensation issues					
Ability to discern candidate			ü		
qualifications					
3. Strategic Direction					
Vision		ü		ü	ü
Strategic perspective		ü		ü	ü
Technology knowledge	ü				
Industry knowledge	ü	ü		ü	ü

The Board of Directors has fixed the number of directors for the coming year at twelve. The nominees listed herein have been proposed by the Board of Directors for election at the meeting.

Shares represented by the proxies will, unless authority to vote is withheld, be voted in favor of the proposed slate of twelve nominees. In the election of directors, each shareholder may vote his shares cumulatively by multiplying the number of shares he is entitled to vote by the number of directors to be elected. This product constitutes the number of votes the shareholder may cast for one nominee or distribute among any number of nominees. The proxies reserve the right, in their discretion, to vote cumulatively. If a shareholder withholds authority for one or more nominees and does not direct otherwise, the total number of votes the shareholder is entitled to cast will be distributed among the remaining nominees.

Should any of these nominees be unable to accept the nomination, the votes which otherwise would have been cast for the nominee(s) will be voted for such other

person(s) as the Board of Directors shall nominate. Each director is elected to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until a successor is elected and qualified. The persons who will be elected to the Board of Directors will be the twelve nominees receiving the largest number of votes.

### The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote "for" the proposed nominees.

## THE NOMINEES

<u>Name and Age at Record</u> <u>Date</u>	Position, Principal Occupation and Directorships
J. Kelly Allgood66	<ul> <li>Retired President, BellSouth Mississippi</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 1991</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Audit and Finance Executive Nominating Strategic Planning</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>
Reuben V. Anderson64	<ul> <li>Partner, Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P. (Attorneys)</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 1980</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Executive (Chair)</li> <li>Human Resources</li> <li>Nominating</li> <li>Strategic Planning</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank, AT&amp;T Inc. and The Kroger Company</li> </ul>
Adolphus B. Baker50	<ul> <li>President and COO, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. (<i>Producer and Distributor of Shell Eggs</i>)</li> <li>Nominated for Director of Trustmark in 2007</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.</li> </ul>
William C. Deviney, Jr61	<ul> <li>CEO, Deviney Construction Company, Inc. (<i>Telecommunications Construction</i>)</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 1995</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Human Resources</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>

<u>Name and Age at Record</u> <u>Date</u>	Position, Principal Occupation and Directorships
C. Gerald Garnett62	<ul> <li>Retired CEO, Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company and Southern Farm Bureau Property Insurance Company</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 1993</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Executive Human Resources Nominating Strategic Planning</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>
Daniel A. Grafton60	<ul> <li>President, L-3 Vertex Aerospace (<i>Provider of Aviation and Aerospace Services</i>)</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 2007</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Executive Human Resources (Chair) Nominating Strategic Planning</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>
Richard G. Hickson62	<ul> <li>Chairman, President and CEO, Trustmark Corporation; Chairman and CEO, Trustmark National Bank</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 1997</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Executive</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>
John M. McCullouch59	<ul> <li>Retired President, AT&amp;T - Mississippi</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 2005</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Executive Nominating (Chair)</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>

Name and Age at Record	Position, Principal Occupation and Diretorships
<u>Date</u> Richard H. Puckett52	
Kichard H. Puckett52	<ul> <li>President and CEO, Puckett Machinery Company (<i>Distributor of Heavy Earth Moving Equipment</i>)</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 1995</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Audit and Finance</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>
R. Michael Summerford58	
	<ul> <li>Former President and COO, ChemFirst, Inc. (Manufacturer of Electronic and Specialty Chemicals)</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 2005</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Audit and Finance (Chair) Executive Human Resources Nominating Strategic Planning</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>
Kenneth W. Williams65	
	<ul> <li>President, Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Works; President, Refreshments, Inc., and Refreshments of Tennessee, Inc.; Secretary/Treasurer, Weaver Consolidated Group, Inc. (<i>Soft Drink Bottler</i>)</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 1998</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Audit and Finance</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>
William G. Yates, Jr65	
	<ul> <li>President and CEO, The Yates Companies, Inc. (<i>Construction</i>)</li> <li>Director of Trustmark since 2001</li> <li>Trustmark Corporation Committees: Executive</li> <li>Strategic Planning (Chair)</li> <li>Other Directorships: Trustmark National Bank</li> </ul>
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#### Securities Ownership by Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table reflects the number of Trustmark common shares beneficially owned by (a) persons known by Trustmark to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of its outstanding shares, (b) directors and nominees, (c) each of the named executive officers within the Executive Compensation section and (d) directors and executive officers of Trustmark as a group. The persons listed below have sole voting and investment authority for all shares except as indicated. The percentage of outstanding shares of common stock owned is not shown where less than 1%.

Name	Shares Beneficially Owned as of 03/01/07 (1)		Percent of Outstanding Shares
Robert M. Hearin Foundation; Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation Post Office Box 16505 Jackson, MS 39236	7,895,034	(2)	13.47%
J. Kelly Allgood	63,777	(3)(4)	
Reuben V. Anderson	30,848	(3)(5)	
Adolphus B. Baker	12,500	(3)	
William C. Deviney, Jr.	22,566	(3)	
Duane A. Dewey	30,023	(14)	
C. Gerald Garnett	18,389	(3)	
Daniel A. Grafton	2,000	(6)	
Richard G. Hickson	395,570	(7)(15)	
Gerard R. Host	195,816	(8)(16)	
John M. McCullouch	2,100	(17)	
James M. Outlaw, Jr.	55,045	(9)(18)	
Richard H. Puckett	89,264	(3)(10)	
R. Michael Summerford	2,900	(19)	
Harry M. Walker	176,305	(11)(12)(20)	
Zach L. Wasson		(25)	
Kenneth W. Williams	21,198	(3)	
William G. Yates, Jr.	28,612	(13)(21)(22)	
Directors and executive officers of Trustmark			
as a group	1,355,038	(23)(24)	2.3%

(1)

Includes options exercisable within 60 days of March 1, 2007.

(2) Includes 383,928 shares owned by the Robert M. Hearin Foundation, 2,956,862 shares owned by the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation, 4,281,244 shares owned by Capitol Street Corporation, and 273,000 shares owned by Bay Street Corporation. Capitol Street Corporation is a 100% owned subsidiary of Galaxie Corporation, which may be deemed to be controlled by the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation. Voting and investment decisions concerning shares beneficially owned by the Robert M. Hearin Foundation and the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation are made by the Foundations' trustees: Robert M. Hearin, Jr., Matthew L. Holleman III, Daisy S. Blackwell, E.E. Laird, Jr., Laurie H. McRee and Alan W. Perry.

(3) Includes 7,900 shares the individual has the right to acquire through the exercise of options granted under Trustmark's stock and incentive compensation plans.

(4) Includes 750 shares owned by spouse as to which Mr. Allgood has no voting or investment control.

(5) Includes 1,411 shares owned by spouse and children as to which Mr. Anderson has no voting or investment control.

- (6) Includes 2,000 shares as to which Mr. Grafton shares voting and investment power with his spouse.
- (7) Includes 2,000 shares as to which Mr. Hickson shares voting and investment power with his spouse.
- (8) Includes 21,469 shares owned by spouse and children as to which Mr. Host has no voting or investment control.
- (9) Includes 122 shares owned by spouse as to which Mr. Outlaw has no voting or investment control.
- (10) Includes 79,714 shares owned by spouse and children as to which Mr. Puckett has no voting or investment control.
- (11) Includes 3,154 shares owned by children as to which Mr. Walker has no voting or investment control.
- (12) Includes 43,965 shares as to which Mr. Walker shares voting and investment power with his spouse.
- (13) Includes 12,276 shares as to which Mr. Yates shares voting and investment power with his spouse.
- (14) Includes 21,750 shares that Mr. Dewey has the right to acquire through the exercise of options and 6,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock with respect to which Mr. Dewey has sole voting power but which cannot be transferred prior to vesting.
- (15)Includes 299,250 shares that Mr. Hickson has the right to acquire through the exercise of options and 52,423 shares of performance-based restricted stock with respect to which Mr. Hickson has sole voting power but which cannot be transferred prior to vesting.
- (16)Includes 121,429 shares that Mr. Host has the right to acquire through the exercise of options and 26,902 shares of performance-based restricted stock with respect to which Mr. Host has sole voting power but which cannot be transferred prior to vesting.
- (17) Includes 1,900 shares that Mr. McCullouch has the right to acquire through the exercise of options.
- (18) Includes 40,625 shares that Mr. Outlaw has the right to acquire through the exercise of options and 6,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock with respect to which Mr. Outlaw has sole voting power but which cannot be transferred prior to vesting.
- (19) Includes 1,900 shares that Mr. Summerford has the right to acquire through the exercise of options.

- (20)Includes 111,318 shares that Mr. Walker has the right to acquire through the exercise of options and 6,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock with respect to which Mr. Walker has sole voting power but which cannot be transferred prior to vesting.
- (21)Includes 6,900 shares that Mr. Yates has the right to acquire through the exercise of options granted under Trustmark's stock and incentive compensation plans.
- (22) Includes 9,436 shares held by a corporation controlled by Mr. Yates for which he exercises voting rights.
- (23) Includes shares held directly or indirectly by 24 individuals: the persons listed herein, as well as Trustmark's other remaining executive officers, the Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer and the General Counsel/Secretary.
  - Includes 9,635 shares pledged as security.
- (25)*Mr.* Wasson served as Treasurer of Trustmark and Chief Financial Officer of Trustmark National Bank until he separated from Trustmark on November 28, 2006, and is, therefore, included in this table as required.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

During 2006, there was one late filing related to the late registration of C.P. Bryan as a Section 16(a) insider. Mr. Bryan's Form 3 was filed four days late.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

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#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

*Human Resources Committee*. As described on page 3 of this proxy statement, Trustmark's Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) is currently comprised of Messrs. Grafton (Chairman), Anderson, Deviney, Garnett and Summerford. The Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. This charter is reviewed annually by the Committee and was last amended on October 10, 2006. The Board of Directors has determined that the members of the Committee are "non-employee directors" (within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act), "outside directors" (within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code) and "independent directors" (within the meaning of Rule 4200(15) of the NASDAQ Marketplace Rules). In addition, no Committee member is a current or former associate of Trustmark or any of its subsidiaries. The Committee is not required to possess all of these competencies. One or more members of the Committee must:

demonstrate knowledge and understanding of human capital management issues, including corporate manager/officer selection, training, retention and succession planning,

be familiar with all components of management compensation (such as base salary, annual incentives, stock options and other long-term incentives, perquisites and supplemental benefits), understanding the link between compensation and performance and how compensation can be used to support Trustmark's business strategy, and demonstrate an ability to select and assess corporate officers, including experience or ability in developing officer selection criteria and creating performance standards and evaluation processes.

**Board and Committee Process.** The Committee is charged with ensuring that policies and practices are in place to facilitate (i) the development of Trustmark's and its principal subsidiary, Trustmark National Bank's (the Bank), management talent, (ii) orderly CEO succession, (iii) the setting of management and director compensation at competitive levels and (iv) Trustmark's corporate social responsibility. One of the Committee's primary roles is to initiate, develop and recommend for approval by the Board the compensation of the CEO. The Committee's recommendation is based on its evaluation of the CEO's performance relative to annual corporate goals and objectives and in conjunction with comparative market data provided by the Committee's external compensation consultant and

internal data provided by human resources personnel. For compensation of the other named executive officers, the CEO and Director of Human Resources make recommendations to the Committee that generally, with minor adjustments, are approved by the Committee and then recommended to the Board of Directors for review and approval. The Committee also administers Trustmark's equity-based compensation plans and deferred compensation plans. With respect to equity compensation awarded to other associates, the Committee reviews and recommends grants of stock options, performance-based restricted stock and time-vested restricted stock for approval by the Board, generally based upon the recommendation of the CEO. The Committee has delegated authority to the CEO to grant limited performance-based stock and option awards. The CEO and the Director of Human Resources interface with the Committee in connection with the Committee's executive compensation decision-making, providing comparative data as well as making recommendations. The Committee also reviews, on at least an annual basis, Trustmark's management talent levels and management succession planning.

The CEO and the Director of Human Resources establish the agenda for committee meetings. The Committee reports regularly to the Board on matters relating to the Committee's responsibilities. In addition, the Committee follows regulatory and legislative developments and considers corporate governance best practices in performing its duties. In 2006, the Committee met seven times. The Committee periodically meets with the CEO and the Director of Human Resources to assess progress toward meeting objectives set by the Board for both annual and long-term compensation.

**Benchmarking.** The Committee is authorized to retain experts, consultants and other advisors to aid in the discharge of its duties. In accordance with the Committee's charter, the hiring of such advisors is at the Committee's discretion, except that the Chairman of the Committee must obtain approval of the Board for engagements that exceed \$10,000 annually. To ensure that Trustmark's compensation programs are properly benchmarked, the Committee engaged Wachovia Employer Solutions Group, a compensation consultant, that provided compensation information to aid in the determination of competitive levels of executive pay. The compensation information is obtained from surveys and proxy statements of financial institutions in the United States. Some of the financial institutions are part of the peer group in the performance graph included in Trustmark's Annual Report to shareholders accompanying this proxy statement. The compensation consultant provided specific compensation analysis and recommendations for the CEO and the President-General Banking for 2006 and has been engaged to provide market compensation consultant participated in three committee meetings throughout the year and provided the Committee with data on market trends and overall compensation design. The Committee does not delegate authority to the compensation consultant nor other parties, other than the CEO for a limited number of equity awards.

For purposes of benchmarking Trustmark's executive compensation in comparison to other companies with whom Trustmark competes for executive talent, in addition to the information provided by the compensation consultant, Trustmark's human resources personnel also prepare compensation analyses of different executive positions, based on other sources available to them. Data and materials for review by the Committee are prepared by human resources personnel using market data from both broad-based and targeted national compensation surveys. Additionally, financial institution-focused industry analyses based on a review of peer company proxy statement data, professional research consortiums and nationally recognized compensation databases are provided. Such sources may include companies which are not financial institutions.

*Guiding Philosophy.* The Committee's guiding philosophy is to attract and retain highly qualified executives and to motivate them to maximize shareholder value by achieving performance goals. The following objectives serve as guiding principles for all compensation decisions:

Providing a competitive total compensation opportunity that will enable Trustmark to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified executives.

Aligning compensation opportunities with shareholder interests by making a portion of each named executive officer's compensation dependent on Trustmark's performance with respect to return on equity and earnings per share of Trustmark, in addition to strategic drivers such as operating efficiency, revenue growth and credit quality. Providing an incentive for superior personal performance by making a portion of each named executive officer's compensation dependent on realizing individual performance objectives.

Providing a strong emphasis on equity-based compensation and equity ownership, creating a direct link between shareholder and management interests.

Ensuring that incentive compensation paid to named executive officers will normally be deductible for federal income tax purposes, but also recognizing that there are circumstances where deductibility is secondary and may not be obtained.

Ensuring that policies and practices are in place to develop management talent, establish effective corporate governance and set management compensation at competitive levels.

In making determinations on the mix and amount of executive compensation, the Committee reviews all components of executive compensation, including base salary, annual cash bonuses, equity-based compensation, costs of perquisites and any other form of compensation received from Trustmark. The Committee believes that the total

compensation opportunity available to members of management should consist of base salary, annual bonuses, equity-based compensation, retirement benefits, and perquisites, each of which is a standard compensation component for named executive officers at other financial institutions. The Committee reviews and recommends compensation levels for management based on Trustmark's performance, individual performance and experience, as well as market comparisons and company affordability. Based on its review, the Committee believes total compensation for Trustmark's named executive officers is generally in line with compensation levels for management of similar-sized financial institutions with Trustmark's level of corporate performance. The individual components of such compensation may be higher or lower in some cases.

*Allocation Among Components.* Generally, the percentages of salary, bonus and equity-based compensation compared to total compensation are as follows:

	Typical Base Salary	Typical Bonus Target	Typical Equity Target
CEO, President-General Banking	45%	25%	30%
Other Named Executive Officers	55%	25%	20%

In allocating compensation among these elements, the Committee believes that the compensation of the senior-most levels of management (the levels of management having the greatest ability to influence Trustmark's performance) should be predominately performance-based, while lower levels of management should receive a greater portion of their compensation in base salary. In making this allocation, the Committee relies in part upon the comparative data provided by the compensation consultant and Trustmark's human resources personnel, and in part on the recommendations of the CEO.

*Base Salaries.* Base salary constitutes the foundation of each named executive officer's total compensation package and is the largest single component. Base salary is the only guaranteed cash payment the executive receives. Trustmark desires to provide its executive management with a level of assured cash compensation in the form of base salary that will attract and retain highly qualified executives. The Committee uses base salary to reward top performance, industry and job specific knowledge, experience and leadership ability.

The base salaries for Trustmark's named executive officers for 2006 were established in the first quarter of 2006 after Trustmark's 2005 financial information and performance was available. The Committee approved a mid-year increase in base salary for Mr. Outlaw in connection with his increased responsibilities managing the Texas banking operations following Trustmark's acquisition of Republic Bancshares of Texas, Inc.

The compensation consultant evaluated competitive compensation levels and made recommendations for the CEO's compensation for 2006. In establishing the CEO's base salary, the Committee considered the compensation consultant's analysis of salaries paid to CEOs within the group of peer institutions and also considered the CEO's individual performance and contributions relative to Trustmark's corporate goals during 2005. The Committee recommended a 3% base salary increase for the CEO for 2006, consistent with the overall base salary increase available for all associates.

In establishing the base salaries of Trustmark's other named executive officers for 2006, the Committee considered the recommendations of the CEO. The CEO's recommendations were based on individual responsibility level, individual and company performance for 2005, total compensation history from 2001-2005 for each named executive officer, comparative market data for similar positions provided by the compensation consultant and human resources personnel, and a general understanding of executive compensation for the financial services industry. In evaluating performance for the other named executive officers for 2005 for the Committee, the CEO used the same metrics that were used for determining annual incentive plan awards (corporate drivers, strategic drivers and, for named executive officers in a particular business unit, line of business goals). The Committee considered each of these factors but did not assign a specific value to each factor. Furthermore, a subjective element is acknowledged in evaluating each officer's overall span of responsibility and control. After considering these factors, the Committee recommended a 3% increase in the base salaries for other named executive officers for 2006, with the exception of the Chief Financial Officer, who received a 10% base salary increase for 2006 to make his salary more competitive with the market. Effective March 1, 2006, the Committee approved the following 2006 base salaries for named executive officers:

	2006 Base Salaries
Richard	
G.	
Hickson	\$ 705,550
Gerard	
R. Host	\$ 360,500
Harry	
М.	
Walker	\$ 282,220
Duane	
A.	
Dewey	\$ 273,465
James	
М.	
Outlaw,	
Jr.	\$ 220,000
Zach L.	
Wasson	\$ 220,000

Annual Cash Bonuses. The Committee's practice is to award cash bonuses based upon the achievement of performance objectives in accordance with an annual management incentive plan. Cash bonuses constitute the second largest component of each named executive officer's total compensation package and constitute the largest cash component tied specifically to company performance. Cash bonuses are designed to reward achieving company goals and objectives, the annual performance of Trustmark and individual business units and individual contributions to corporate and business unit results. Performance determines whether or not an executive will receive an annual cash bonus and may also result in an upward adjustment to his future base salary. Key features of the annual management incentive plan include the following:

• a primary emphasis on corporate performance as measured by return on equity and earnings per share, a qualitative assessment of strategic achievements in areas of management including operating efficiency, revenue growth, credit quality and net income, and

a structured, objective approach to determine cash bonuses.

At the beginning of each year, the CEO recommends to the Committee cash bonus target levels for named executive officers stated as a percentage of base salary, utilizing predetermined goals such as return on equity and earnings per share. In addition to recommendations by the CEO, the Committee reviews market compensation data prepared by the compensation consultant and human resources personnel to ensure that target levels provide opportunity to earn bonuses and are competitive with Trustmark's peer institutions. The Committee then recommends these target levels for approval by the Board. The comparative data indicated that Trustmark's 2006 target levels for cash bonuses were competitive with the peer groups.

For 2006, target levels for named executive officers were based on varying measured weightings with respect to corporate performance, strategic operational drivers and business unit goals. For the CEO, target levels were weighted 75% on corporate performance (measuring actual results for earnings per share and return on equity compared to Trustmark's profit plan performance targets) and 25% on actual results for specific strategic operational drivers such as operating efficiency, revenue growth, credit quality and net income compared to Trustmark's profit plan. For named executive officers working in specific business units, target levels were weighted 40% on corporate performance goals, 30% on strategic operational drivers and 30% on specific business unit net income. For other named executive officers not working in a specific business unit, target levels were weighted 30% to 40% on corporate performance and 60% to 70% on strategic operational drivers.

Except in the case of the CEO, the named executive officer target levels for 2006 provided for cash bonus opportunities in the range of 40% to 60% of their base salaries. The cash bonus payout percentage, if any, ranged from a threshold (75%), to a target (100%) to a maximum (150%), depending on performance against the stated targets. In accordance with the management incentive plan, if the target corporate performance measures are not achieved, the Board may exercise its discretion to not award cash bonuses under the plan. The objective was to set bonus targets such that payouts under the management incentive plan at the target levels or slightly above are achievable. In accordance with the terms of his employment agreement, the CEO's target level for 2006 was 70% of base salary with a potential maximum of 100% of base salary. In January 2007, the Committee reviewed Trustmark's actual performance in 2006 compared to target levels for corporate performance, strategic operational drivers and approved a bonus payout of approximately 93% of the cash bonus target potential for the CEO.

In prior years, the Committee exercised discretion under the management incentive plan to increase cash bonus payouts when the Committee felt an individual's performance warranted an increase. The only discretionary cash bonus made in 2006 was to Mr. Outlaw in connection with his increased responsibilities managing the Texas operations. For 2006, Trustmark awarded the following cash bonuses under the management incentive plan which were paid during the first quarter of 2007:

	2006 Annual				
Name	<b>Cash Bonus</b>				
Richard					
G.					
Hickson	\$ 457,568				
Gerard					
R. Host	\$ 220,442				
	\$ 126,323				

Harry	
M.	
Walker	
Duane	
А.	
Dewey	\$ 126,280
James	
М.	
Outlaw,	
Jr.	\$ 94,518

Zach L. Wasson forfeited his 2006 Annual Cash Bonus when he separated from Trustmark.

*Equity-Based Compensation.* Trustmark believes strongly that equity-based awards are an integral part of total compensation for named executive officers and certain key managers with significant responsibility for Trustmark's long-term results. Equity-based awards constitute the largest non-cash component of each named executive officer's total compensation package and are tied specifically to company performance and return on equity. Historically, the primary form of equity compensation consisted of stock options. The Committee selected stock options because of the favorable accounting and tax treatments and the near universal expectation by executives in the financial services industry that they would receive this type of award. Beginning in 2005, in recognition of the trend among financial institutions toward performance-based equity compensation, to provide a stronger correlation between performance and incentive-based compensation without increasing Trustmark's costs and based on the advice of the compensation consultant, the Committee began granting performance-based restricted stock instead of stock options. In 2005, the Committee awarded performance-based restricted stock to the CEO and to the President-General Banking and stock options to the other named executive officers. In 2006, all named executive officers were granted performance-based restricted stock rather than stock options. The Committee believes that performance-based restricted stock grants, which are tied to the increase in value of Trustmark stock and return on equity, provide an effective means of delivering incentive compensation, a stable reward for achievement of long-term objectives and an effective means of executive retention. In establishing award levels, the Committee generally does not consider the equity ownership levels of the recipients or prior awards that are fully vested.

The Trustmark Corporation 2005 Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan:

authorizes the granting of restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance units, stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARs) and other incentive awards (payable in cash or shares), all of which may be made subject to the attainment of performance goals established by the Committee,

provides for the ability to base an individual's performance goals on specified corporate and business unit criteria, and establishes the maximum amount of restricted stock, stock options, SARs, and other incentive awards that can be granted to a participant in any given year.

The Committee determines the annual dollar amount of equity compensation to award and then grants shares of performance-based restricted stock that have a fair market value equal to that amount on the date of grant based on an assumed 100% vesting. Effective January 2007, Trustmark began determining fair market value based upon the closing price of Trustmark stock on the date of determination. Prior to 2007, Trustmark determined fair market value based upon the average between the high and low price of Trustmark stock on the date of determination. With the exception of significant promotions and new hires, awards are generally made by the Committee at the first meeting of each year. For the 2006 fiscal year, awards were made on February 1, 2006. Awards are made as early as practicable in the year to maximize the time-period for achieving performance goals associated with the awards. The Committee's meeting schedule is determined several months in advance, so the proximity of any awards to earnings announcements or other market events is coincidental.

Restricted stock awards granted to named executive officers are "performance-vesting." For restricted stock to be earned, certain performance goals must be reached within the three-year period covered by the awards. The recipient must remain employed by Trustmark through the end of the performance period for restricted stock to vest. Performance goals are scaled so that the recipient can receive a partial award in the event that acceptable, but not the desired, results are achieved. Performance goals were approved by shareholders in connection with their approval in 2005 of the incentive compensation plan. Awards that are dependent upon the plan's performance goals are generally deductible for tax purposes.

For awards that were made in 2006, performance goals for the CEO and other named executive officers are the same. The awards vest based on the achievement of target percentages related to return on average equity (50%), with vesting up to and including 100%, and total shareholder return (50%), with vesting up to and including 100%, compared to a defined peer group. The performance period began January 1, 2006, and continues through December 31, 2008. The targets for performance goals reflect Trustmark's confidential strategic plans, and are not disclosed publicly for competitive reasons.

In the event of an executive's death, disability, retirement at or after age 65, termination by Trustmark without cause, termination by the executive for good reason or the occurrence of a change in control, partial vesting occurs based on

return on average equity and total shareholder return through the end of the calendar quarter prior to such event. If a greater than 100% vesting level with respect to the return on average equity and total shareholder return targets is achieved in the aggregate (with the maximum being 200%) for an executive who remains employed for the entire performance period, an additional award of service-based restricted stock (excess shares) will be issued. The number of excess shares issued equals the number of shares awarded initially to that executive multiplied by the vesting percentage over 100%. Any such awarded excess shares will vest on December 31, 2011. Accelerated vesting of excess shares may also occur on the executive's death, disability, retirement at or after age 65, termination by Trustmark without cause, termination by the executive for good reason or the occurrence of a change in control. Dividends on any performance-based restricted stock, as well as any excess shares issued, are accumulated and will vest and be paid only when and to the extent the shares vest.

Named executive officers received equity-based grants in 2006 as follows (based on a \$28.25 per share value):

	2006 Equity-Based			
Name	Grants			
Richard				
G.				
Hickson	\$ 494,375			
Gerard				
R. Host	\$ 254,250			
Harry				
М.				
Walker	\$ 84,750			
Duane				
A.				
Dewey	\$ 84,750			
James				
M.				
Outlaw,				
Jr.	\$ 84,750			

#### Zach L. Wasson forfeited his 2006 Equity-Based Grant when he separated from Trustmark.

For performance-based restricted stock awards that are made in 2007, the Committee decided to retain the approach used in 2006, except that the ROAE performance goal will be changed to a return on average tangible equity (ROATE). Tangible equity excludes identifiable intangible assets, which means that performance is not unduly reduced by acquisitions requiring the booking of intangible assets (such as the Republic Bancshares of Texas, Inc. acquisition). This change was made because the Committee believes the ROATE target more accurately reflects Trustmark's performance in accordance with its strategic plans.

*Severance Benefits.* Trustmark believes that companies should provide reasonable severance benefits to associates. With respect to Messrs. Hickson, Host and Walker, these severance benefits should reflect the fact that it may be difficult for senior executives to find comparable employment within a short period of time. The Committee believes that the company should separate itself from the former associate as soon as practicable. The Committee prefers to pay a lump-sum severance payment rather than provide salary continuation payments.

*Executive Deferral Plan.* Trustmark maintains a supplemental retirement plan to provide additional retirement benefits to executives. The plan enables the executives to receive retirement benefits equal to 50% of their covered salaries (as opposed to an arbitrary compensation limit set for tax qualified retirement plans). The Committee believes the plan is competitive with Trustmark's peer financial institutions. The supplemental retirement plan is described in more detail under "Executive Deferral Plan" on page 22.

*Employment Agreements.* Executive management has contributed significantly to the success of Trustmark, and the Committee believes that it is important to protect them in the event of a change in control. Further, the Committee believes that the interests of shareholders will be best served if the interests of executive management are aligned with theirs, and providing change in control benefits should eliminate, or at least reduce, the reluctance of executive management to pursue potential change in control transactions that may be in the best interests of shareholders. Messrs. Hickson, Host and Walker have change in control agreements in their employment agreements with Trustmark. Relative to the overall value of Trustmark, these potential change in control benefits are relatively minor.

The cash components of the change in control benefits are paid in a lump-sum and relate to the executive's base salary immediately prior to termination plus the highest annual bonus amount earned in any of the three years preceding the year of the change in control for Mr. Hickson and in any of the two years preceding the year of the change in control for Messrs. Host and Walker. In addition, Mr. Hickson is entitled to have his home purchased by Trustmark under certain circumstances if he is unable to sell his home after termination following a change in control. The employment agreements entered into with Messrs. Hickson, Host and Walker are described under "Employment Agreements" on page 25, and the amounts which would have been payable assuming a termination event at December 31, 2006, are shown in the Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control table on page 24.

Trustmark's change in control benefits are "double trigger," which means that the benefits under them are payable only if the executive's employment is terminated other than for cause, death, disability or retirement or if the executive resigns for good reason within three years after a change in control for Mr. Hickson and within two years for Messrs. Host and Walker. In the event of a termination following a change in control, health and other insurance benefits continue for one year corresponding to termination benefits and all unvested stock options immediately vest. In addition, terminated associates would be entitled to receive any benefits that they otherwise would have been entitled to receive under the 401(k) plan, pension plan (Trustmark Capital Accumulation Plan) and supplemental retirement plan (Executive Deferral Plan), although those benefits are not increased or accelerated. Trustmark believes that these levels of benefits are consistent with the general practice among its peers, although a study has not been conducted to confirm this. The Committee has determined that a gross up payment to make an executive should receive the entire change in control benefits which he or she expects; thus, it does not believe that an executive's change in control benefits should be reduced to avoid the golden parachute excise tax, or to avoid non-deductibility of excess parachute payments by Trustmark, unless a reduction will cause the executive to receive more after-tax than without a reduction.

*Perquisites; Other Compensation.* Perquisites received by the CEO and other named executive officers are reviewed annually. Generally, Trustmark limits the types of perquisites offered to named executive officers as shown in the All Other Compensation for 2006 table on page 19. In addition to the cash and equity compensation described above, named executive officers received the same benefit package available to all salaried associates. This package includes:

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health and dental insurance (portion of costs), basic life insurance, long-term disability insurance,

participation in the Trustmark Capital Accumulation Plan (previously known as the Pension Plan through December 31, 2006), and

participation in Trustmark's 401(k) plan, including a company match.

Trustmark also provides retirement and change of control benefits described above. Consistent with other financial institutions in its peer group, Trustmark encourages executive management to belong to a golf or social club so that there is an appropriate entertainment forum for customers and appropriate interaction with the executives' communities. Trustmark pays the initiation fee and annual dues for a club membership for each of the named executive officers. Relocation benefits are also reimbursed but are individually negotiated when they occur.

Deductibility of Compensation. The Committee carefully considers Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which provides certain criteria for the tax deductibility of compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to Trustmark's named executive officers. The Committee believes it is in Trustmark's best interest, and that of its shareholders, to comply with the requirements of Section 162(m), but the Committee intends to preserve the flexibility to reward named executive officers consistent with Trustmark's compensation philosophy for each compensation element. It is the Committee's intent that grants of stock options, performance-based restricted stock and other incentive awards made pursuant to Trustmark's stock and incentive compensation plans comply with the deductibility requirements of Section 162(m) or be in amounts that normally would not be expected to cause non-deductibility under Section 162(m). However, the Committee believes the retention of discretion to make or adjust bonus or incentive awards after the fact is conducive to attaining the best financial and strategic results for Trustmark. For that reason, Trustmark's annual bonus program is currently designed to provide compensation that may not be deductible under Section 162(m) where a named executive's total compensation, which is not performance-based compensation for Section 162(m) purposes, exceeds \$1,000,000 and hence, is subject to the \$1,000,000 deduction limit under Section 162(m). For 2006, Section 162(m) did not limit the deductibility of any compensation paid to named executive officers. At the current time, the Committee anticipates that the only compensation that may not be fully deductible in the future under Section 162(m) is that of the CEO.

*Stock Ownership Guidelines.* Trustmark does not have specific established stock ownership guidelines for any of its officers. The Board believes that management's current ownership of Trustmark stock provides adequate incentives for long-term performance without imposing specific ownership requirements.

#### **Summary Compensation Table for 2006**

The following table summarizes the compensation components for the CEO and each of the next five most highly compensated executive officers, including Mr. Wasson, who separated from Trustmark on November 28, 2006. The table includes base salary, cash incentives paid or accrued for 2006, as well as amounts for equity awards (stock and option awards), retirement benefits and other miscellaneous compensation. Amounts for equity awards reflect the dollar amounts recognized by Trustmark for financial reporting purposes, not amounts actually received by the named executive officer and include awards granted in and prior to 2006, including performance-based restricted stock awards that vest only if the related performance measures are achieved. The retirement benefit dollars reflected below represent the change in the present value of potential future benefits the officer might receive upon vesting.

Name and Principal Position Richard G.	Year	·	<b>Bonus</b> (\$)(1)	1) (\$)(2)	Change in Pension Value and Non-Equit/Non-qualified Incentive Deferred Option Plan CompensationAll Other AwardsCompensationEarningsCompensation Total (\$)(2) (\$)(3) (\$)(4) (\$)(5) (\$)				
Hickson Chairman, President and CEO, Trustmark Corporation; Chairman and CEO, Trustmark National Bank	2006	\$ 702,152		\$ 375,846	\$ 147,645	\$ 457,568	\$ 363,491	\$ 53,987	\$ 2,100,689
Gerard R. Host (6) President General Banking, Trustmark National Bank	2006	\$ 358,752		\$ 192,551	\$ 82,025	\$ 220,442	\$ 9,786	\$ 16,039	\$ 879,595
Harry M. Walker President Jackson Metro, Trustmark National Bank	2006	\$ 280,861		\$ 26,545	\$ 68,849	\$ 126,323	\$ 21,959	\$ 16,638	\$ 541,175
Duane A. Dewey President Wealth Management, Trustmark National Bank	2006	\$ 272,148		\$ 26,545	\$ 62,667	\$ 126,280	\$ 40,950	\$ 15,848	\$ 544,438