

Severe enforcement actions handed down to banks & thrifts in December 2012

Prompt corrective action directives, formal agreement/consent orders and cease and desist orders*

Company (top-level ticker)	City, state	Primary regulator	Enforcement action type	Issued date
Bank of Washington	Washington, MO	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/27/12
Mountain Valley Bank	Dunlap, TN	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/26/12
Ben Franklin Bank of IL (MHC) (BFFI)	Arlington Heights, IL	OCC	Cease and Desist	12/19/12
Town & Country B&TC	Bardstown, KY	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/19/12
Citizens Financial Bank (CITZ)	Munster, IN	OCC	Formal Agreement/Consent Order	12/18/12
Central Bank	Savannah, TN	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/14/12
First South Bank (FSBS)	Spartanburg, SC	FDIC	Prompt Corrective Action	12/12/12
US Metro Bank (USMT)	Garden Grove, CA	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/12/12
CornerstoneBank	Atlanta, GA	OCC	Cease and Desist	12/11/12
HSBC Bank USA NA	McLean, VA	OCC	Cease and Desist	12/11/12
HSBC Bank USA NA	McLean, VA	OCC	Formal Agreement/Consent Order	12/11/12
First Covenant Bank	Commerce, GA	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/07/12
Worthington Federal Bank	Huntsville, AL	OCC	Cease and Desist	12/05/12
Community First Bank (CFOK)	Walhalla, SC	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/04/12
Hastings State Bank ¹	Hastings, NE	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/03/12
Village Bank	Saint George, UT	FDIC	Cease and Desist	12/03/12

Banks & thrifts included in the above list received a prompt corrective action directive, cease and desist order or formal agreement/consent order from a federal regulatory agency in December 2012. Enforcement actions given to holding companies or credit unions were excluded.

* Certain cease and desist orders issued by federal regulators in the recent past may be referred to as consent agreements on regulatory websites due to a change in language. However, both a cease and desist order and a consent order are derived from the same section of law: 12 U.S.C. 1818(b). Both orders are structured the same, with the first few pages outlining areas of concerns and the remainder outlining corrective actions that the institution must take. In order to maintain consistency with previous years, SNL Financial refers to these recent actions using the term "cease and desist."

¹ Hastings State Bank was purchased by Lincoln, Neb.-based Pinnacle Bank on Dec. 20, 2012.

Top-level tickers are only given for those companies with ultimate parent companies based in the U.S.

All information is current as of Feb. 8, 2013.

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