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FDIC ISSUES REMOVAL AND PROHIBITION ORDER AGAINST FORMER TENNESSEE BANKER

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The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has issued a removal and prohibition order against Robert L. Courtney, Jr., a former branch manager of Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Grainger County, Rutledge, Tennessee.

Courtney consented to the order without admitting or denying culpability. The FDIC's action is based on allegations that during 2000, Courtney engaged in loan "kick-back" fee schemes at Citizens Bank & Trust.

Courtney is prohibited from further participation in the banking industry without FDIC approval.

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The orders are attached.

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