

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Elsaesser Ford

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC [COLB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1301 A STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/24/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

TACOMA, WA 98402  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price					
Common Stock	06/24/2015		A		2,000 (1)	A	\$ 0	35,096	D	
Common Stock								33,485	I	By Elsaesser, Jarzabek & Buchanan, Pension Fund ITF: Joseph Jarzabek
Common Stock								33,537	I	Elsaesser Jarzabek

Common Stock				33,542	I	Pension Plan ITF: Lois Lapointe
Common Stock				33,568	I	ED Jones - Elsaesser Jarzabek Anderson Marks & Elliott Savings Plan UAD 2/1/83 FBO: Sherylee Foster
Common Stock				33,573	I	ED Jones - Elsaesser Jarzabek Anderson Marks & Elliott Savings Plan UAD 12/1/3 FBO Deborah Hillen
Common Stock						ED Jones - Elsaesser Jarzabek Anderson Marks & Elliott Savings Plan UAD 12/1/83 FBO: Darla L Kuhman

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur

  

Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Elsaesser Ford 1301 A STREET TACOMA, WA 98402				

## Signatures

/s/ Cathleen Dent,  
attorney-in-fact

06/26/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted Stock Award

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