

WHITNEY EVANS Q

Form 4

January 04, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

WHITNEY EVANS Q

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, STE. 800,
MS-3100

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

11/30/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Executive Vice President

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

TACOMA, WA 98402-4200

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/04/2006		S	7,596 D	\$ 28.0613	54,760	D
Common Stock	01/04/2006		P	9,096 A	\$ 10.82	62,356	D
Common Stock	11/30/2004		M	3,310 A	\$ 7.2	53,260	D
Common Stock	11/30/2004		S	3,310 D	\$ 25.59	49,950	D
Common Stock						4,605	I IRA

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Common Stock	2,801	I	Mother's Trust
Common Stock	141	I	Grandchildren's Trust

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.2	11/30/2004		M		3,310		04/23/2000	04/23/2005	Common Stock	3,310
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.77							01/20/2002	01/20/2007	Common Stock	7,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 10.82							12/20/2003	12/20/2008	Common Stock	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WHITNEY EVANS Q 1301 A STREET, STE. 800, MS-3100 TACOMA, WA 98402-4200	Executive Vice President

Signatures

Cathleen Dent

01/04/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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