

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Lebel Joseph III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
 [OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 975 HOOPER AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/16/2016

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CLO, OceanFirst Bank

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/16/2016		A	1,910 A \$ 0	14,110	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock					9,392	I	By 401(k) ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					7,091	I	By Esop ⁽²⁾ ₍₃₎
Common Stock					646	I	By Spouse ₍₄₎

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.28	03/16/2016		A		37,500		03/01/2017	03/16/2026	Common Stock	37,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.25							03/02/2008	03/02/2017	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81							02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	7,088
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10							02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	9,925
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87							02/18/2012	02/18/2021	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.83							02/15/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.62							02/15/2014	02/15/2023	Common Stock	11,250

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.55	06/17/2014	06/17/2023	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.75	03/01/2015	03/19/2024	Common Stock	24,375
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.37	03/01/2016	03/18/2025	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lebel Joseph III 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754				EVP, CLO, OceanFirst Bank

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney
03/18/2016

**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 shares awarded. Such shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2017. Total includes other restricted shares that vest in the future.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Includes shares acquired from the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan, which merged with the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 31, 2015.
- (4) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (5) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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