

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GOLDSTEIN STEVEN J.**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]**

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2015**

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

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

**C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC., PO BOX 398**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

**BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount or Price  |  |  |
| Common Shares Issuable          | 02/02/2015                           | ^  | A                              | (1)   | 179.6 \$ 18.1  | D  | ^  |
| Common Shares Issuable          | 03/02/2015                           | ^  | A                              | (1)   | \$ 19.35 7,057.1   | D  | ^  |
| Common Shares                   | 03/31/2015                           | ^  | A                              | (1)   | 172.1 \$ 18.88   | D  | ^  |

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|------------------------|------------|---|---|-----------------------------|---|----------|---------|---|---|
| Issuable               |            |   |   |                             |   |          |         |   |   |
| Common Shares Issuable | 05/01/2015 | Â | A | <u>176.3</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | A | \$ 18.43 | 7,405.5 | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 06/01/2015 | Â | A | <u>170.9</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | A | \$ 19.02 | 7,576.4 | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 07/01/2015 | Â | A | <u>153.1</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | A | \$ 21.23 | 7,729.5 | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 07/31/2015 | Â | A | <u>155.7</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | A | \$ 20.87 | 7,885.2 | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 08/31/2015 | Â | A | <u>166.1</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | A | \$ 19.57 | 8,051.3 | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 10/01/2015 | Â | A | <u>157.8</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | A | \$ 20.59 | 8,209.1 | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 11/02/2015 | Â | A | <u>365.6</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | A | \$ 20.63 | 8,574.7 | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 12/01/2015 | Â | A | <u>214.3</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | A | \$ 21.19 | 8,789   | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 12/31/2015 | Â | A | 233 <sup>(1)</sup>          | A | \$ 19.49 | 9,022   | D | Â |
| Common Stock           | Â          | Â | Â | Â                           | Â | Â        | 10,000  | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units | Â          | Â | Â | Â                           | Â | Â        | 4,034   | D | Â |

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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D S B O E |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--|-----------------|
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Disposed  
of (D)  
(Instr. 3,  
4, and 5)

| (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GOLDSTEIN STEVEN J.  
C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.  
PO BOX 398  
BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

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## Signatures

Lois J. Rich as Attorney  
in Fact 02/16/2016

\*\*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) Represents acquisition of Phantom Stock pursuant to the United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan. Phantom Stock is to be settled in shares of Common Stock following the Reporting Person's termination of services.

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