

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â HARTON H LYNN | | (Month/Day/Year) | UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 09/14/2012 | |
| 310 MCDANIEL AVE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| GREENVILLE,Â SCÂ 29601 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Restricted Stock Unit | 75,000 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARTON H LYNN 310 MCDANIEL AVE GREENVILLE, SC 29601 | Â | Â | Â Chief Operating Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Lois J. Rich, Attorney-in-Fact for H. Lynn
 Harton 09/20/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of UCBI common stock. 50% of the RSUs are scheduled to vest on 9/14/2014, and 50% of the RSUs are scheduled to vest on 9/14/2015, subject to the provisions of the Troubled Asset Relief Program.
- (1) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of UCBI common stock. 50% of the RSUs are scheduled to vest on 9/14/2014 if the Company's fourth quarter 2013 core pre-tax, pre-credit earnings equal or exceed \$33,500,000, and 50% of the RSUs are scheduled to vest on 9/14/2015 if the Company's fourth quarter 2014 core pre-tax, pre-credit earnings equal or exceed \$37,500,000, subject to the provisions of the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

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