

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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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 *
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/25/2014

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Pres.- Commercial Banking/WM

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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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(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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/25/2014		X	2,204 A \$ 11.64	35,362	D	
Common Stock					16,858.2799	I	401-k
Common Stock					31,635	I	Restricted Award

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/25/2014		F	7,796	02/14/2009 04/14/2018	Common Stock	7,796	
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/25/2014		X	2,204	02/14/2009 04/14/2018	Common Stock	2,204	
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.09					01/21/2005 01/21/2014	Common Stock	0	
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51					04/18/2006 04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711	
2005 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.51					04/18/2006 04/18/2015	Common Stock	19,289	
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02					04/24/2007 04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242	
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02					04/24/2007 04/24/2016	Common Stock	19,258	
2007 (ISO)	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008 04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711	

Stock Option					
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	21,489
2008 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Pres.- Commercial Banking/WM	

Signatures

/s/ Hope M.
Elliott, POA

02/26/2014

**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).

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