

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC
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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 *
 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)
 02/22/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

TACOMA, WA 98402-4200

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2006 | | A | 2,500 | A \$ 0 | 43,934 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| 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 |

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|--------------|-------|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock | 4,605 | I | IRA |
| 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) | 8. 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

03/02/2006

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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