

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Tsimbinos Steven James

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 First Senior VP/Corp Secretary

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	03/16/2016		A	5,345 A \$ 0	18,178	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock					2,831	I	By 401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					1,959	I	By ESOP <sup>(2)</sup>

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)	
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.28	03/16/2016		A		15,000		03/01/2017	03/16/2026	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.32							09/07/2011	09/07/2020	Common Stock	9,750
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	\$ 17.75							03/01/2015	03/19/2024	Common Stock	13,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.37							03/01/2016	03/18/2025	Common Stock	13,125

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Tsimbinos Steven James  
975 HOOPER AVENUE  
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

First Senior VP/Corp Secretary

## Signatures

/s/ Steven J.  
Tsimbinos

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) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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