

Lebel Joseph III  
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 \*  
Lebel Joseph III

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)  
07/21/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
1st SVP, CLO, OceanFirst Bank

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/21/2009                           |  | A                              | 4,538 (2) A \$ 0  | 5,373   | D (1)  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 877   | I  | By 401(k) (3)                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,651   | I  | By Esop (3)                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 428   | I  | By Matching ESOP (4) (5)                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 500   | I  | By Spouse                                  |

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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 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 22.74   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/28/2007 <sup>(6)</sup> 04/28/2016                     | Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 20.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/02/2008 <sup>(7)</sup> 03/02/2017                     | Common Stock  | 4,500                         |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 16.81   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/20/2009 02/20/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 7,088                         |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lebel Joseph III  
975 HOOPER AVENUE  
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

1st SVP, CLO, OceanFirst Bank

## Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney

07/23/2009

\*\*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) A total of 4,806 shares were acquired by award and are currently unvested.

Includes 873 shares of restricted stock that vest 100% on July 21, 2011, and 3,665 shares of restricted stock that vest at 0% or between

(2) 50% to 100% on July 21, 2011, depending upon the attainment of defined performance goals for the one year period ending June 30, 2010.

(3) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

(4) Represents shares acquired under the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan established as part of a spin-off from the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 27, 2006

(5) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions under the ESOP pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

(6) Options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing April 28, 2007.

(7) Options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing March 2, 2008.

(8) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2000 Stock Option Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 20, 2009.

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