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FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ Form 4 May 04, 2010 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CISLE DONALD M Issuer Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) /OH/ [FFBC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 201 E. FOURTH STREET, SUITE 05/01/2010 2000 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CINCINNATI, OH 45202 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Beneficial (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect Reported (I)(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 1.348 S D I 05/01/2010 D 0 Restricted Stock (2) 18.38 Common 1,348 \$ 05/01/2010 201,332 D (1) Α A (2) Stock 18.38 Common 539 Ι Joint W/wife Stock Common Ι 180,153 Seward-murphy Stock Common 165 I Spouse Stock

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired						Follo
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						Exercisable	•	Title Ni	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CISLE DONALD M 201 E. FOURTH STREET SUITE 2000 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Х						
Signatures							

/s/Terri J Ziepfel, POA 05/04/2010

<u>**</u>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) Held in Trust Account with full investment authority.
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award

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