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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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)
 201 E. FOURTH STREET, SUITE 2000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/17/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP-Banking

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 or 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)
Common Stock	05/17/2010		D	490 ⁽¹⁾ D	\$ 0 22,771.0497	I	Restricted
Common Stock					10,336.1125	D	
Common Stock					34,500.217	I	401-k
Common Stock					21,536	I	Brokerage Account
Common Stock					2,909	I	IRA/Brokerage Account

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Common Stock	527.3818	I	Joint W/spouse
Common Stock	505	I	Jt With Son/brokerage Account
Common Stock	122.3016	I	Spouse/son Custodial Account

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	0
1999 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	0
2000 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.56					01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	5,694
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.56					01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	9,426

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2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124	01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	6,244
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124	01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	1,631
2002 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.2	01/17/2003	01/17/2012	Common Stock	5,000
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58	01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	5,000
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.09	01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	2,500
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	6,289
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	10,658
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	12,889
	\$ 11.64	02/14/2009	02/14/2018		8,591

2008 (ISO) Stock Option					Common Stock	
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/14/2009	02/14/2018		Common Stock	41,909

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

/s/Terri J
Ziepfel, POA

05/17/2010

**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) Shares were rescinded in order to comply with the Interim Final Rules (31CRFPart30) applicable to TARP CPP recipients. Shares were previously report on Form 4 dated 04/15/09.

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