

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 _____ 10% Owner
 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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