

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC  
Form 8-K  
August 30, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):**

**August 28, 2012**

**COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Washington**

**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

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**0-20288**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1422237**  
IRS Employer Identification No.

**1301 A Street**

**Tacoma, WA 98402**

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900**

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act of (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act of (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On August 28, 2012, Columbia Banking System, Inc. ( Columbia ) announced the appointment of Clint E. Stein as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Columbia and Columbia Bank. Mr. Stein has been serving as acting Chief Financial Officer since May 2012, following the retirement of Gary Schminkey.

Mr. Stein joined Columbia in December 2005, when he assumed the role of Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer. He has over 18 years of experience in finance and accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

A copy of the press release issued by Columbia announcing the appointment of Mr. Stein is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated August 28, 2012 announcing appointment of Clint Stein as EVP & CFO.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 29, 2012

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie J. Dressel  
Melanie J. Dressel  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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