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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 \*  
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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)  
 255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/07/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 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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**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	05/07/2012		J	4,922 D	\$ 0 12,400 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	4,922 A	\$ 0 4,922 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Joint w/Spouse
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	400 D	\$ 0 12,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	400 A	\$ 0 400 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	IRA
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	1,591 D	\$ 0 2,409 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	I	Jean Olszewski

By Richard  
Olszewski  
Poa

Common Stock	05/07/2012	J	1,591	A	\$ 0	13,591 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2012	J	8,291	D	\$ 0	5,300 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2012	J	8,291	A	\$ 0	8,291 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Held in Joint Brokerage Account
Common Stock	05/07/2012	D	2,409	D	\$ 0	0 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Jean Olszewski By Richard Olszewski Poa
Common Stock						2,535	I	Restricted
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)						7,102	D	

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 Deriv Secur (Instr. 3)
	\$ 18.63			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable: 06/28/2006 Expiration Date: 06/28/2015	Title: Amount or Number of Shares: 8,663	

2005  
(NQ)  
Sock  
Option

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
olszewski richard e 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X			

## Signatures

/s/Terri J  
Ziepfel, POA

05/09/2012

\*\*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) Corrected breakdown of how previously reported shares are held.
  - (2) Shares distributed to beneficiary.
  - (3) Shares distributed to other beneficiaries.

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