

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

March 16, 2017

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lebel Joseph III

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
[OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

975 HOOPER AVENUE

(Street)

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

03/15/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

EVP, CBO OceanFirst Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	03/15/2017		A		2,905	A \$ 0	19,121 D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock						9,533	I By 401(k)
Common Stock						7,639	I By Esop
Common Stock						663	I By Spouse

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.01	03/15/2017		A		45,000		03/15/2018	03/15/2027	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10							02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	9,925
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.87							02/18/2012	02/18/2021	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.83							02/15/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.62							02/15/2014	02/15/2023	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.55							06/17/2014	06/17/2023	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.75							03/01/2015	03/19/2024	Common Stock	24,375

Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.37	03/01/2016	03/18/2025	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.28	03/01/2017	03/16/2026	Common Stock	37,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lebel Joseph III 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754				EVP, CBO OceanFirst Bank

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney 03/16/2017

__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 shares awarded. Such shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2018. Total includes other restricted shares that vest in the future.
- (2) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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