

WHITNEY EVANS Q

Form 4

January 04, 2006

**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 \*

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

11/30/2004

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

Executive Vice President

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
 Person

TACOMA, WA 98402-4200

(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)
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
Common Stock						4,605	I IRA

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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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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

01/04/2006

\_\_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).

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