WILL JAMES M Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WILL JAMES M Issuer Symbol COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM (Check all applicable) INC [COLB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1301 A STREET, STE 800, 09/24/2012 MS-3100 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting TACOMA, WA 98402-4200

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D	))	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	07/27/2011		A	2,000 (1)	A	\$0	31,387	D	
Common Stock							1,400	I	Shares held in his wifes name
Common Stock							750 <u>(2)</u>	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)

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WILL JAMES M 1301 A STREET, STE 800, MS-3100 X TACOMA, WA 98402-4200

# **Signatures**

Cathleen L Dent 09/26/2012

\*\*Signature of 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
- (2) Shares held jointly with his wife

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