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FORM 5

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Form 4
Transactions
Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

McDonald A		Symbol COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC [COLB]				Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	(Month/D	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2010				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
1301 A 31 1	(Street)		ndment, Date (nth/Day/Year)	Original		(6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed o	f, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	17,223	D	Â	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	4,328	I	401k (1)	
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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 Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.66	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/26/2007	05/26/2012	Common Stock	5,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Other			
McDonald Andy 1301 A ST MS 3100 TACOMA, WA 98401	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â			

Signatures

/s Cathleen L
Dent

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Reflects change in 401(k) year end balance

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