

Cotter Jeffrey Louis
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Cotter Jeffrey Louis

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DELUXE CORP [DLX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3680 VICTORIA STREET N
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/01/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel & Secy

SHOREVIEW, MN 55126
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 4,221 ⁽¹⁾ | 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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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 04/01/2019 | | A | 4,563 | ⁽²⁾ / ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 4,563 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 68.62 | | | | | 06/11/2019 ⁽³⁾ / 06/11/2025 | Common Stock | 10,100 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 44.69 | 04/01/2019 | | A | 32,051 | 04/01/2020 ⁽⁴⁾ / 04/01/2029 | Common Stock | 32,051 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cotter Jeffrey Louis 3680 VICTORIA STREET N SHOREVIEW, MN 55126 | | | SVP, General Counsel & Secy | |

Signatures

Jeffrey L. Cotter 04/03/2019
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Total ownership includes 2,186 shares of restricted stock.
 Restricted stock units awarded on 4/1/19 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan, subject to the following vesting schedule:
 (2) 3,356 units will vest in four equal amounts on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant, and 1,207 units will vest in three equal amounts on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant. Upon vesting, each unit is converted into a share of common stock. Subject to certain exceptions, vesting is contingent upon continued employment.
- (3) Options vest in three equal installments on the three succeeding anniversary dates of the date of grant, provided the holder remains an employee of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed).
- (4) Options vest in four equal installments on the four succeeding anniversary dates of the date of grant, provided the holder remains an employee of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed).

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