

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
BRADY STEVEN E

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)
C/O OCEANFIRST BANK, 975 HOOPER AVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2017

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

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2017 | | A | 1,335 A \$ 0 | 71,652 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 7,000 | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 14,613 | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,280 | I | By Deferred Compensation Plan |
| | | | | | 8,328 | I | By SERP |

Common
Stock

Common
Stock

3,866

I

By Stock
Award II

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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.37 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 11/20/2008 Expiration Date: 11/20/2017 | Common Stock | 4,780 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.45 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 08/18/2011 Expiration Date: 08/18/2020 | Common Stock | 65,857 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.71 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 11/19/2014 Expiration Date: 11/19/2023 | Common Stock | 6,042 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BRADY STEVEN E C/O OCEANFIRST BANK | X | | | |

975 HOOPER AVE
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

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.
- (2) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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