

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Kessler John B</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC.,Â ONE GRAND CENTRAL PLACE, 60 E. 42ND ST.</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10165</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/01/2015</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. [ESRT]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>President and COO</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                           | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date  | Title                | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| LTIP Units <sup>(1)</sup> | 02/01/2016       | ∞ <sup>(1)</sup> | Class A Common Stock | 13,736                     | \$ 0     | D ∞                                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Kessler John B<br>C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC.<br>ONE GRAND CENTRAL PLACE, 60 E. 42ND ST.<br>NEW YORK, NY 10165 | ∞             | ∞         | ∞ President and COO | ∞     |

## Signatures

/s/ Salvatore Rappa, as attorney-in-fact 02/02/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).  
Represents LTIP Units ("LTIP Units"), a class of units of Empire State Realty OP, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). The LTIP Units are convertible by the reporting person, upon vesting, into an equivalent number of units of limited partnership interests ("Operating Partnership Units") of the Operating Partnership, which are redeemable by the holder for shares of Class A Common Stock of Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Issuer's option. The rights to convert LTIP units into Operating Partnership Units and redeem Operating Partnership Units do not have expiration dates. The LTIP Units, which vest ratably on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant, were granted under the Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. and Empire State Realty OP, L.P. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.

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