FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Ro Ringwald Bradley J	eporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
		FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
255 EAST 5TH STRE 2900	EET, SUITE	03/10/2015	below) below) President, Specialty Banking			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CINCINNATI, OH 45	5202	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
,			Person			
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	cauired Disposed of or Reneficially Owner			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Derivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
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		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
	Common Stock	03/10/2015		A	4,950 (1)	A		12,456	I	Restricted
	Common Stock	03/10/2015		A	1,650 (2)	A	\$0	1,650	I	Restricted-F
	Common Stock							7,297	D	
	Common							50.0461	т	ID A

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Coue v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ringwald Bradley J 255 EAST 5TH STREET **SUITE 2900** CINCINNATI, OH 45202

President, Specialty Banking

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. 03/11/2015 Meents, POA

**Signature of Reporting Date Person

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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) Vests 1/3 per year for three years and dividends are accrued and paid at vesting.
- Performance-based restricted stock award that cliff vests after three years. Dividends are accrued and paid in accordance with performance-based restricted shares earned at the end of the performance period.

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