

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
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# FORM 5

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President - Community Banking

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	or	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	40,679	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	16,858.2799	I	401-k
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	24,227	I	Restricted Award
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	7,587	I	Restricted-P

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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 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. Amount or Number of Shares	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	0 <sup>(1)</sup>
2005 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	0 <sup>(1)</sup>
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	19,258
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	21,489
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/14/2009	04/14/2018	Common Stock	38,409

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	^	^	^ President - Community Banking	^

## Signatures

/s/ Billie L. Meents, POA 02/10/2016

\_\_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) Options expired 4/18/2015.

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