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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 *
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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)
 201 E. FOURTH STREET, SUITE 2000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/25/2010

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2010 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 3,760 A \$ 0 | 3,760 | I | Restricted |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,057 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,000 | I | Jean Olszewski By Richard Olszewski Poa |
| FFBC | | | | | 5,014 | D | |

(Directors
 Fee Stock
 Plan)

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 Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| 2005 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 18.63 | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable: 06/28/2006 Expiration Date: 06/28/2015 | Common Stock | Amount or Number of Shares: 8,663 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| olszewski richard e 201 E. FOURTH STREET SUITE 2000 CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/Terri J Ziepfel, POA 05/26/2010

**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) Granted under 2009 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan to vest 1/3 per year for 3 years with dividends to be accrued until vested.

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