FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ Form 8-K January 08, 2019

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 2, 2019

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 31-1042001 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. employer incorporation or organization) identification number)

Commission file number: 001-34762

255 East Fifth Street, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 322-9530

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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[]]	Pre-commencemen	nt communicatio	ns pursuant to	o Rule 13e-4(c) ur	nder the Exchang	ge Act (17 CFR 2	40.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 2, 2019, Anthony M. Stollings, the Commercial Banking leader of First Financial Bancorp. (the "Company"), notified the Company of his intention to retire effective September 1, 2019. Mr. Stollings has been an integral part of the Company's transformation and growth during his 12 years of service and will assist with the transition of his responsibilities to other members of the Company's executive team until his retirement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

By: /s/ Karen B. Woods Karen B. Woods General Counsel

Date: January 8, 2019