

CATANIA ANGELO
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FORM 4

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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 *
CATANIA ANGELO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
[OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
975 HOOPER AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2010

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

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/27/2010		P	3,000 A \$ 10.44	9,612 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	D	

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)

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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.475							02/15/2007	02/15/2016	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17							02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81							02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	2,363
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.28							02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Common Stock	2,363

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CATANIA ANGELO 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753	X			

Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney 01/28/2010

**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) Previously, restricted shares held directly that were awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan were recorded separately. These amounts are now combined with all direct ownership.
- (2) Current balance reflects correction of technical errors in record keeping.
- (3) Current balance includes 170 shares purchased during 2009 through the dividend reinvestment plan.
- (4) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2000 Stock Option Plan, vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 20, 2009.
- (5) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2000 Stock Option Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 18, 2010.

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