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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Add DAVIS CLAU | * | ng Person * | 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) 255 E FIFTH S | (First) STREET, SU | (Middle) UITE 2900 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2015 | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| CINCINNATI | , ОН 45202 | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivativo | e Secu | rities Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Benefic | cially Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquire Transaction(A) or Disposed of (I Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2015 | | Code V D(1) | Amount 8,093 | or (D) D | Price \$ 17.01 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 26,810 | I | Restricted |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2015 | | A(2) | 4,711 | A | \$ 17.01 | 277,426 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 580.1709 | I | 401-k |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 47,558 | I | Restricted-P |

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. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration Da | ate | Amoun | it of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | - | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Othe | | | |
| DAVIS CLAUDE E | | | | | | | |
| 255 E FIFTH STREET | X | | CEO | | | | |
| SUITE 2900 | Λ | | CEO | | | | |
| CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

**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) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares used for taxes.

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