

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Lebel Joseph III

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)
 03/15/2017

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP, CBO OceanFirst Bank

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/15/2017		A	2,905 A	\$ 0 19,121	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock					9,533	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					7,639	I	By Esop
Common Stock					663	I	By Spouse

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.01	03/15/2017		A		45,000		03/15/2018	03/15/2027	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10							02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	9,925
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.87							02/18/2012	02/18/2021	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.83							02/15/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.62							02/15/2014	02/15/2023	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.55							06/17/2014	06/17/2023	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.75							03/01/2015	03/19/2024	Common Stock	24,375

