

CATANIA ANGELO
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FORM 4

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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)
02/26/2010

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/26/2010		P	500 A \$ 10.15	10,717	D ⁽¹⁾	

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)
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	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10					02/17/2011 02/17/2020	Common Stock 3,310	

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 02/26/2010

**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) Includes 605 restricted shares awarded on February 17, 2010 under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan that vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2011.
- (2) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2011.

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