

Stein A William  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**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. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stein A William

(Last) (First) (Middle)

560 MISSION STREET, SUITE  
2900

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/20/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
CFO and CIO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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	03/20/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,362 A	10,328	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2012		S <sup>(7)</sup>	3,362 D	\$ 72.51 (8)	6,966	D
Common Stock	03/20/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>	9,638 A	16,604	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2012		S <sup>(7)</sup>	9,638 D	\$ 72.51 (8)	6,966	D

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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)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class C Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>(5)</u>	03/20/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,362	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	3,362
Long-Term Incentive Units <sup>(4)</sup>	<u>(5)</u>	03/20/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>	9,638	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	9,638

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Stein A William 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105	CFO and CIO

## Signatures

/s/ Barbara Polster,  
attorney-in-fact

03/22/2012

\_\_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) In accordance with the terms of a Trading Plan (SEC Rule 10b5-1 Securities Exchange Act of 1934), the reporting person converted Class C Profits Interest Units ("Class C Units") into common limited partnership units ("Common Units") of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), and subsequently redeemed the Common Units for shares of the common stock of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer"), all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.

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- (2) Class C Units are membership interests in the Operating Partnership of which the Issuer is the general partner. Vested Class C Units that have satisfied the performance condition and achieved full parity with Common Units receive the same quarterly distributions as Common Units, and may be converted into an equal number of Common Units on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units will be redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Class C Units have achieved full parity with Common Units.
- (3) In accordance with the terms of a Trading Plan (SEC Rule 10b5-1 Securities Exchange Act of 1934), the reporting person converted long-term incentive units into Common Units of the Operating Partnership, and subsequently redeemed the Common Units for shares of the common stock of the Issuer, all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.
- (4) Long-term incentive units are profits interest units in the Operating Partnership. Vested profits interest units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units in the Operating Partnership on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units are redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.
- (5) 1 for 1.
- (6) N/A
- (7) Common Stock sold in accordance with the terms of a Trading Plan (SEC Rule 10b5-1 - Securities Exchange Act of 1934).
- (8) Represents the average sale price. Exact sale prices range from \$72.5 to \$72.64.

### Remarks:

This statement of changes in beneficial ownership ("Form 4") of securities of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") is being filed.

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