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Form 4

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Common

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Stock

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12/29/2009

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad SCHMINKE	Symbol COLUM	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC [COLB]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) 1301 A STRI	(First) (MEET, STE. 800	(Month/I	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2009			Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP and CFO				
		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)					
TACOMA, V	VA 98402-4200					_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

Code V

A

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reported

30,053

8,359

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

D

I

(A)

(D)

A

Price

\$0

Amount

3,000

(1)

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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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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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	Security				Acquired						Follo
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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EVP and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Cathleen L. 12/30/2009 Dent

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Restricted Stock Award Qualifies as "long-term restricted stock" under rules applicable to the Company as a result of its participation in the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program.

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