

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Deer Aaron James <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 1301 A STREET STE 800 <small>(Street)</small> TACOMA, WA 98402 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 4/27/2020	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC. [COLB]
4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EVP Chief Financial Officer /		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Deer Aaron James 1301 A STREET STE 800 TACOMA, WA 98402			EVP Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Cathleen Dent, attorney-in-fact 4/28/2020
Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY / CONFORMING STATEMENT

This Statement confirms that the undersigned, has authorized and designated Kumi Baruffi, Cathleen Dent, Gabrielle Pierce, Karina Busch and Laura Moravec each with the full power to act alone, to execute and file on the undersigned's behalf, all Form's 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Columbia Banking System, Inc. The authority of Kumi Baruffi, Cathleen Dent, Gabrielle Pierce, Karina Busch and Laura Moravec under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with regard to his/her ownership of or transactions in securities of Columbia Banking System, Inc., unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that none of Columbia Banking System, Inc., Kumi Baruffi, Cathleen Dent, Gabrielle Pierce, Karina Busch or Laura Moravec is assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

The Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of APRIL 14, 2020.

Signature: Aaron James Deer
Name: Aaron James Deer