

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC  
Form 8-K  
February 06, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2012**

**COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Washington**

**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

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**0-20288**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1422237**  
IRS Employer Identification No.

**1301 A Street**

**Tacoma, WA 98402**

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900**

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act of (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective February 1, 2012, the Board of Directors of Columbia Banking System, Inc. ( Columbia ) appointed Michelle M. Lantow and S. Mae Fujita Numata to the Board and the Board of Directors of its banking subsidiary, Columbia State Bank. Board committee assignments for Ms. Lantow and Ms. Numata are pending.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

A copy of the press release issued by Columbia announcing the appointment of Ms. Lantow and Ms. Numata to the Board is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated February 6, 2012 announcing new directors

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 6, 2012

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie J. Dressel  
Melanie J. Dressel  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated February 6, 2012 announcing new directors