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FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

CIK: **708955** | IRS No.: **311042001** | State of Incorp.: **OH** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **6021** National commercial banks

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>Rahe Maribeth S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>201 E. 4TH STREET, SUITE 2000</u> (Street) <u>CINCINNATI, OH 45202</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/25/2010</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]</u>		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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			

Signatures

/s/Terri J Ziepfel, POA
 ** Signature of Reporting Person

06/01/2010
 Date

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

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