

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2018

**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): January 19, 2018**

**COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.**

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

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

**000-20288**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**  
**1301 A Street**

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

**Tacoma, WA 98402**

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(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 (see General Instructions A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act of (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On January 18, 2018, Columbia Banking System, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Lisa Dow to serve as Executive Vice President, Chief Risk Officer of the Company and the Company s wholly owned subsidiary, Columbia State Bank, effective during the second quarter of 2018.

A copy of the Company s press release announcing Ms. Dow s appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 18, 2018.

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: January 19, 2018

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ Kumi Y. Baruffi  
Kumi Y. Baruffi  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel