

SARLES H JAY  
Form 4/A  
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**FORM 4**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
Sarles H. Jay (Last) (First) (Middle)			FleetBoston Financial Corporation (FBF)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director — <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner — <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below)			
FleetBoston Financial Corporation 100 Federal Street			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)				4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 01/01/03			
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)				7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
Boston, MA 02110			01/02/03				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/31/02		G	V	2,200	D			D	
Common Stock	11/19/02		G	V	1,000	D			D	
Common Stock	11/21/02		G	V	1,000	D			D	
Common Stock	12/03/02		G	V	5,700	D			D	
Common Stock	01/01/03		F <sup>(1)</sup>		13,499	D	\$24.12	421,624	D	
Common Stock								33,572.2091	I	401(k) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								200	I	By Daughter-Elizabeth L. Sarles
Common Stock								200	I	By Daughter-Kathryn D. Sarles

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 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)					

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Withholding of shares or delivery of previously owned shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock.

(2) Based on a plan statement as of September 30, 2002.

By: /s/ **H. Jay Sarles**  
**H. Jay Sarles**

**01/24/03**  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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