

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stelling Kessel D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
[SNV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P.O. BOX 120  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/11/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, CEO, & President

COLUMBUS, GA 31902

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

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 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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	02/11/2016		A		34,683 (1) \$ 25.95	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2016		A		34,683 (2) \$ 25.95	D	
Common Stock						I	By 2015 GRAT
Fixed/Floating Rate Non-Cum Perpetual Preferred Stock Ser C						D	
					49,966		
					2,000		

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**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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stelling Kessel D P.O. BOX 120 COLUMBUS, GA 31902	X		Chairman, CEO, & President	

## Signatures

/s/ Mary Maurice Young                      02/16/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- These shares are subject to market restricted stock units (the "MRSUs"). The MRSUs have a service-based vesting component as well as a Total Shareholder Return Multiplier. Under the service-based vesting component, the MRSUs vest 1/3 each year over a three-year period subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Synovus. Under the Total Shareholder Return multiplier, the "target" amount of MRSUs which vest each year can be adjusted upward or downward 25% based upon Synovus' total shareholder return during each year.
- (1) period subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Synovus. Under the Total Shareholder Return multiplier, the "target" amount of MRSUs which vest each year can be adjusted upward or downward 25% based upon Synovus' total shareholder return during each year.
- (2) These shares are subject to performance stock units (the "PSUs"). The PSUs have a service-based vesting component as well as performance vesting requirement. Under the service-based vesting component, the PSUs vest 100% after three years subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Synovus. Under the performance vesting component, Synovus' weighted average return on average assets is measured over a three-year performance period. The actual payout of the PSUS can range from 0% to 150% of the target

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amount based upon Synovus' weighted average return on average assets during the performance period compared to the performance formula approved by the Compensation Committee of Synovus' Board of Directors.

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