

DELUXE CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Merritt Edward A		(Month/Day/Year)	DELUXE CORP [DLX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/09/2016	
3680 VICTORIA STREET N			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SHOREVIEW, MN 55126			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Treasurer, VP of IR & CFO	

**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)
Common Stock	3,285 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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

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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	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	01/20/2017	Common Stock	2,275	\$ (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (3)	01/25/2018	Common Stock	2,688	\$ (3)	D	Â
Common Stock Option	08/14/2014(4)	08/14/2020	Common Stock	4,992	\$ 42.52	D	Â
Common Stock Option	02/27/2015(4)	02/27/2021	Common Stock	1,804	\$ 50.32	D	Â
Common Stock Option	02/12/2016(4)	02/12/2022	Common Stock	1,497	\$ 67.08	D	Â
Common Stock Option	02/17/2017(4)	02/17/2023	Common Stock	2,545	\$ 54.3	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merritt Edward A 3680 VICTORIA STREET N SHOREVIEW, MN 55126	Â	Â	Â Treasurer, VP of IR & CFO	Â

## Signatures

J. Michael Schroeder as Power of Attorney for Edward A. Merritt 09/13/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

(1) Includes 1,239 shares of restricted stock.

(2) Restricted Stock Units were awarded on 1/20/2015 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be covered into common stock on the second anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such date. Award results from an advance election by executive to receive a portion of their 2014 annual incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.

(3) Restricted Stock Units were awarded on 1/25/2016 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be covered into common stock on the second anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such date. Award results from an advance election by executive to receive a portion of their 2015 annual incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.

(4) Options vest in three equal installments on the three succeeding anniversary dates of grant, provided the holder remains in the employ of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed).

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