



ITEM DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
5.02 APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN  
OFFICERS

On May 7, 2018, Joseph J. Burke, a Director of the Registrant and OceanFirst Bank, N.A. (the “Bank”) since 2005, passed away. Mr. Burke also served as the Chairman of the Registrant’s and the Bank’s Audit Committee and a member of the Company’s and the Bank’s Leadership Committee.

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**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.

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

Dated: May 8, 2018 /s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos

Steven J. Tsimbinos

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary