

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

September 03, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**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):**

**September 1, 2014**

**COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.**

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

**Washington**

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

**0-20288**

**91-1422237**

**(Commission File Number)**

**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**1301 A Street**

**Tacoma, WA 98402**

**(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 obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 2, 2014, Columbia Banking System, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Kumi Yamamoto Baruffi to serve as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the Company and the Company s wholly owned subsidiary, Columbia State Bank, effective September 1, 2014.

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

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

(d) Exhibits: 99.1 Press Release dated September 2, 2014.

**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: September 2, 2014

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ David C. Lawson  
David C. Lawson  
Executive Vice President