

FLEETBOSTON 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**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Lamb, Jr. Robert C.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>FleetBoston Financial Corporation (FBF)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>EVP and Chief Financial Officer</b>		
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 <b>02/18/03</b>		
(Street) <b>Boston, MA 02110</b>			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 Transactions(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	02/18/03		A <sup>(1)</sup>		14,905	A					41,884		D			
Common Stock											10,820.8411		I	401(k) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>		
Common Stock											400		I	As Custodian for Daughters/UGMA		

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	2. Conversion or	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4. Trans-	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative	10. Owner-	11. Natu of Indir
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Security (Instr. 3)	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	Derivative Code (Instr. 8)		Date (Month/Day/ Year)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Benefic Owners (Instr. 4)	
				(A)	(D)		Date Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date					Title
<b>Performance Restricted Stock Units</b>	<b>1-for-1</b>	<b>02/18/03</b>		<u>A</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>D</b>	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Award of restricted stock pursuant to the FleetBoston Financial 1996 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Based on a plan statement as of December 31, 2002.
- (3) Award of performance restricted stock units pursuant to the FleetBoston Financial 1996 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The restrictions on these units will lapse if the Corporation meets certain pre-established earnings per share targets in 2004 and 2005.

By: /s/ **Martha R. Francis** **02/20/03**  
**Martha R. Francis, Attorney-in-Fact** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Gary A. Spiess, Janice B. Liva, Paul A. Auerbach, Terence A. McGinnis, Robert J. King, Jr., Anne E. Turley, Courtney A. Orwig and Martha R. Francis, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of FleetBoston Financial Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

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(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 19th day of December, 2002.

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Signature: /s/ Robert C. Lamb, Jr.

Print Name:Robert C. Lamb, Jr.