

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL 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 \*  
**LEROY SPENCER III**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 307 N MICHIGAN AVE, STE 2300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/13/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SrVP/Secretary/General Counsel

CHICAGO, IL 60601

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/13/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	16,617	I	By IRA as Trustee
Common Stock	03/13/2006		J <sup>(2)</sup>		0	A	\$ 0	11,853	I	By ESSOP
Common Stock	03/13/2006		M		46,294	A	\$ 9.51	87,399	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2006		S		27,300	D	\$ 21.5	60,099	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
1997 Employee Stock Option	\$ 9.51	03/13/2006		M	46,294	03/30/1997 12/31/2006	Common Stock	46,294

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEROY SPENCER III 307 N MICHIGAN AVE STE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601			SrVP/Secretary/General Counsel	

**Signatures**

Spencer LeRoy III 03/14/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) No transactions to report related to this indirect ownership of 16,617 shares.
- (2) No transactions to report related to this indirect ownership of 11,853 shares.

**Remarks:**

Sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the reporting person on March 14, 2006.  
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