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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								OMB APPROVAL			
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Form 5 obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	ns Section 17(a) of the	Public Ut		ling Con	npany	y Act of	e Act of 1934, 71935 or Section 0	n		
(Print or Type F	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> RAUSCHER ROBERT			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	(Check all applicable)										
				ÈEarliest Tra ay/Year) 009	ansaction			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Senior Vice President			
				² Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
KANSAS C	ITY, MO 64106							Form filed by M Person	Iore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial	
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	03/04/2009			F	158	D	\$ 30.96	15,560	D		
Common Stock								6,580	Ι	401K	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Under Secur	. Title and 8. Prid mount of Deriv Inderlying Secur ecurities (Instr. Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		I				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RAUSCHER ROBERT 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106			Senior Vice	President		
Signatures						
By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: Robert J. Rauscher		03/06/2	2009			
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date	;			
Explanation of Responses:						

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* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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