

Pickett Christopher M  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Pickett Christopher M		(Month/Day/Year)	RAMBUS INC [RMBS]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/28/2011	
1050 ENTERPRISE WAY, SUITE 700			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			Sr. VP, Licensing	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	20,986 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/04/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/04/2020	Common Stock	140,000	\$ 23.23	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/01/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/01/2021	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 20.93	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pickett Christopher M 1050 ENTERPRISE WAY, SUITE 700 SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	Â	Â	Â Sr. VP, Licensing	Â

## Signatures

/s/Michael Leshkiw, by power of attorney 08/05/2011

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes 18,706 shares represented by performance restricted stock units which vest on February 1, 2012.
- (2) Twenty percent of the shares subject to the option vested on January 4, 2011 and one forty-eighth of the shares shall vest monthly thereafter.
- (3) Ten percent of the shares subject to the option vested on August 1, 2011 and one fifty-fourth of the shares shall vest monthly thereafter.

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