### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  COLEMAN MELANIE K							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol H&R BLOCK INC [ HRB ]										all appli Directo	,		vner	
(Last) 4400 MA	st) (First) (Middle) 00 MAIN STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2004										X below) Corporate Controller  VP and Corporate Controller					·
(Street) KANSAS CITY MO 64111					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										i. Indiv ine) <mark>X</mark>	X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City)	City) (State) (Zip)																Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tak	le I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curiti	es Ac	cquii	red,	Disp	osed (	of, or	Ber	nefici	ally	Owned	i			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				and Securiti Benefic Owned		es ally Following	Forn (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									C	ode	v	Amount	(	A) or D)	Price	•		ansaction(s) str. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, without par value 02/27/2						2004			1	J <sup>(1)</sup>		5.08	4	A	\$57	7.78	1,59	1,593.833		D	
		-	Гable II -	Derivat (e.g., p													wned		,		
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	cisable		piration ate	Title		Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r					
Call Option to Purchase	\$45.3								10/2	1/2004	10	/21/2012	Comm Stoc withou	k, out	10,00	0		10,000		D	
Call Option to Purchase	\$43.25								06/30	0/2004	06	/30/2013	Comm Stoc witho	k, out	8,000			8,000		D	

# **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Units acquired under the H&R Block Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, as Amended and Restated. Each unit has the value of one share of Common Stock.

#### Remarks:

By: Michael K. Post per Power of Attorney

03/01/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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