

EARLEY KATHLEEN

Form 4

September 18, 2012

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EARLEY KATHLEEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

560 MISSION STREET, SUITE  
2900

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/14/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/14/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,895	A	13,343
Common Stock							50
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							By Son

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 (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)		8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Long-Term Incentive Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>(3)</u>	09/14/2012		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	2,895	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,895	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
EARLEY KATHLEEN 560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105	X

## Signatures

/s/ Barbara Polster,  
attorney-in-fact

09/18/2012

                    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) The reporting person converted long-term incentive units into common limited partnership units ("Common Units") of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), and subsequently redeemed the Common Units for shares of the common stock of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Issuer"), all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.
- (2) Long-term incentive units are profits interest units in the Operating Partnership. Vested profits interest units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units in the Operating Partnership on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units are redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.
- (3) 1 for 1.
- (4) N/A

## Remarks:

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This statement of changes in beneficial ownership ("Form 4") of securities of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation

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