Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc.

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Colson Eric R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Artisan Partners Asset Management

Inc. [APAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

President & CEO

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2015

X Director X_ Officer (give title

X 10% Owner Other (specify

C/O ARTISAN PARTNERS ASSET

MANAGEMENT, 875 E

WISCONSIN AVE, SUITE 800

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Amount

(D)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Class B

Common Stock, par

value \$0.01 per share (1)

03/09/2015

117,841 $D^{(2)}$ (2)(3)

Code V

D \$0 667,768 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Common Units of Artisan Partners Holdings	<u>(2)</u>	03/09/2015		D(2)	117,841 (2) (3)	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	117,841

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
4	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Colson Eric R					
C/O ARTISAN PARTNERS ASSET MANAGEMENT	X	X	President		
875 E WISCONSIN AVE, SUITE 800	Λ Λ		& CEO		
MILWAUKEE WI 53202					

Signatures

/s/ Lisa A. Moran, attorney-in-fact for Mr.
Colson 03/10/2015

**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).
- In connection with the Company's initial public offering and related reorganization transactions, on March 12, 2013, each holder of a Class B common unit ("Class B Common Unit") of Artisan Partners Holdings LP received a number of shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Class B Common Stock"), of the Company equal to the number of Class B Common Units then held by such person. Shares of Class B Common Stock do not have economic rights.
- On March 9, 2015, pursuant to the Partnership Unit Purchase Agreement dated February 20, 2015 by and between the Company and Mr. (2) Colson, the Company purchased 117.841 Class B Common Units from Mr. Colson for \$46.08 per unit and Mr. Colson delivered to the
- (2) Colson, the Company purchased 117,841 Class B Common Units from Mr. Colson for \$46.08 per unit and Mr. Colson delivered to the Company an equal number of shares of Class B Common Stock for cancellation.
- (3) Pursuant to an Exchange Agreement among the Company and each holder of limited partnership units of Artisan Partners Holdings LP ("Exchange Agreement"), dated March 12, 2013, each holder of Class B Common Units has the right, pursuant to and subject to the limitations and restrictions set forth in the Exchange Agreement, to exchange his, her or its Class B Common Units for an equal number

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of shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Class A Common Stock"), of the Company. Upon any such exchange for Class A Common Stock, the corresponding shares of Class B Common Stock then held by such holder will be cancelled. The Class B Common Units have no expiration date.

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