

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Merkle Claudia J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1661 WORTHINGTON ROAD,</u> <u>SUITE 100</u> (Street) <u>WEST</u> <u>PALM</u> <u>FL</u> <u>33409</u> <u>BEACH</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/01/2024</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OCWEN FINANCIAL CORP</u> [<u>OCN</u>] | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | |
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| 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) |

| 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

See Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney. The reporting person did not own any securities of the issuer at the time that the reporting person became a director of the issuer.
No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Leah E. Hutton,
Attorney-in-Fact for
Claudia J. Merkle
** Signature of Reporting
Person
04/02/2024
Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned, Claudia J. Merkle, hereby constitutes and appoints each of Joseph J. Samarias, Leah E. Hutton, Patricia R. Chronicle and Wendy L. Seifert, or any of them signing singly, and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Ocwen Financial Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney supersedes any power of attorney previously executed by the undersigned for the purposes outlined herein, and the authority of the attorneys-in-fact named in any such prior powers of attorney is hereby revoked. The authority of the attorneys-in-fact shall automatically terminate without any notice or further action by or on the part of the Company or any other person upon such attorney-in-fact's termination of employment with the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless (a) earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact or (b) superseded by a new power of attorney regarding the purposes outlined herein dated as of a later date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 1st day of April, 2024.

/s/ Claudia J. Merkle

Claudia J. Merkle