# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
BARIEL	<u>BARTELS ROBERT E JR</u>		ttt	X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) MARTIN'SSUF P.O. BOX 2709	(First) SSUPERMARKET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2012		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
F.O. DOX 2	2709		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)				X	Form filed by One Re	porting Person			
SOUTH BI	END IN	46680			Form filed by More th Person	an One Reporting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

#### 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311.4)
Common Stock	01/31/2012		A		625	Α	\$0	2,825	D	

### 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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispe of (D	f Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ccquired A) or isposed f (D) nstr. 3, 4		7. Title and Amount o Securities Underlying Derivative (Instr. 3 ar	f g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$11.9							01/14/2008	01/14/2013	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$17.185							12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$24.05							05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

#### Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-02/01/2012

<u>in-Fact</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  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).

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