FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Steiner Jonathan P Requiring S (Month/Day		2. Date of Event Requiring Staten Month/Day/Year 17/12/2011	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2962 BROOKWIND DR				Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)     Director		n(s) to Issue 10% Owne	(M	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
					X Officer (give title below)		Other (spe below)		ndividual or Joint plicable Line)	t/Group Filing (Check
(Street) HOLLAND	MI	49424			Senior Vi	ce Presi	dent			y One Reporting Person by More than One Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
		Т	able I - Non	-Derivat	ive Securities Bene	ficially	/ Owned			
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)			
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Explanation of Responses:

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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