## FORM 5

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

| Washington, | D.C. | 20549 |
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## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

|   | OMB APPROVAL        |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Form 3 Holdings Reported.

| Form 4  | 1 Transactions  | Reported.                                  | Fi  | led pursuant<br>or Secti   |   |   |                                   |   | curities Excha<br>Company A                                  |                              |  | 34  |   |                                      |       |  |           |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------|--|-----------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KUBACKI MICHAEL L           |   |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ] |   |   |                                   |   |  |                              | ] (Che   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner |   |                                      |       |  |           |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1401 E. NORTH SHORE DR                        |   |  |   |  | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2014                   |   |                                   |   |  |                              |  | 2   | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Executive Chairman   |                                      |       |  |           |  |  |
| (Street) SYRACUSE IN 46567  |   |  |   | 4. If Ame  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                  |   |                                   |   |  |                              |  | Line  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                      |       |  |           |  |  |
| (City)  | (S  |  | (Zip)   | 41 0 .   |   |   |                                   | -1 -  | <b>.</b> :   | -6                           | <b>D</b>   | . 6: . : . 11   |   |                                      |       |  |           |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) |   |  |   | 2A. Deeme<br>Execution I   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any   |   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                              |  |   | 5. Amount<br>Securities<br>Beneficial   | of                                   | Form: | Ownership III<br>Form: Direct   E  |           | 7. Nature of<br>ndirect<br>Beneficial                              |  |
|   |   |  | (MOIIII/Day   | (Month/Day/Year)   |   |   | Amo                               | ount  | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price                        |  | Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)   |   | (D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |       | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |           |  |  |
| Common Stock  |   | 12/31/2014                                 |   |  | <b>J</b> (1)  |   | 549                               |   | A  | \$38.48                      |  | 25,4  | 78  |                                      | I 401 |  | l(k) Plan |  |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |   |  |   |   |                                   |   |  |                              |  | 152,880   |   | D                                    |       |  |           |  |  |
|   |   | -  | Table II - Deriv<br>(e.g.,                                  | ative Secu<br>puts, call   |   |   | •                                 | •   | •  |                              |  | -   | Owned   |                                      |       |  |           |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                                      | 5. Num<br>of<br>Derive<br>Secur<br>Acqui<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr.<br>and 5 | Expirati<br>(Month/lities<br>red<br>sed<br>3, 4 |                                   | e Exercisable and<br>tion Date<br>n/Day/Year) |  | Amo<br>Secu<br>Unde<br>Deriv | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   |                                      |       | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |           | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |   |  | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisa                  | able  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title                        |  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   |                                      |       |  |           |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(2)</sup>                           | (3)   |  |   |  |   |   | 02/01/2                           | 015   | 02/01/2015 <sup>(</sup>                                      | (4) Com                      |  | 13,440  |   | 13,440                               |       | D  |           |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(2)</sup>                           | \$0 <sup>(3)</sup>  |  |   |  |   |   | 02/01/2                           | 016   | 02/01/2016 <sup>(-</sup>                                     | (4) Com                      |  | 12,000  |   | 12,0                                 | 000   | D  |           |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(2)</sup>                           | \$0 <sup>(3)</sup>  |  |   |  |   |   | 02/01/2                           | 017   | 02/01/2017 <sup>(-</sup>                                     | (4) Com                      |  | 12,000  |   | 12,0                                 | 000   | D  |           |  |  |
| Stock<br>Options  | \$24.05   |  |   |  |   |   | 05/14/2                           | 013   | 05/14/2018   | Com                          | mon  | 15,000  |   | 15,0                                 | 000   | D  |           |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

Buy)

- 1. Dividend reinvestment for 2014.
- 2. The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- 3. Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 4. Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

02/11/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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