## FORM 5

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

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL **OWNERSHIP**

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| X Form 4  | 4 Transactions  | Reported.                                  |   | or Section 3   |   |                             |   |                        |               |   |   |   |  |   |   |  |                             |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Leniski Stephanie R |   |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ] |   |                             |   |                        |               | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify |   |   |  |   |   |  |                             |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 1387                         |   |  |   |  | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2021 |                             |   |                        |               |   | Senior Vice President   |   |  |   |   |  |                             |
| (Street) WARSAW IN 46581-1387                                 |   |  |   | 4. If Amend  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                |                             |   |                        |               |   | ear)  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting |  |   |   |  |                             |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |   |  |   |  |   |                             |   | ,                      | iore un       | un one iv   | c porting   |   |  |   |   |  |                             |
|   |   | Table                                      | e I - Non-Deriv   | ative Secu   | rities  | s Acc                       | quire   | ed, Dis                | posed         | of, o   | r Benefi  | icial   | ly Own   | ed  |   |  |                             |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                               |   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                                 |                             | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Dispo<br>Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                        |               | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned at end o  |   | es<br>ally  | Ownership I<br>Form: Direct E                  |   | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |                             |
|   |   |  |   |  |   |                             | Amount (A) (D)  |                        | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Price   |   | Issuer's Fiscal<br>Year (Instr. 3 and<br>4)    |   |   | (Instr. 4)   |                             |
| Common  | Stock   | Stock 12/31/2021                           |   |  | J4 <sup>(1)</sup>   |                             | 250 A   |                        | A             | \$67.3  | \$67.33   |   | 2,713  |   | I 401(k)  |  |                             |
| Common Stock  |   |  |   |  |   |                             |   |                        |               |   |   |   | 2  | D   |   |  |                             |
|   |   | Та   | ıble II - Deriva<br>(e.g., p                                | tive Securi<br>uts, calls, v   |   |                             |   |                        |               |   |   |   | <b>Owne</b>                                    | d   |   |  |                             |
| 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)                                      | of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) o<br>Disp<br>of (D                   | or<br>osed<br>o)<br>r. 3, 4 | Expi  | ration Da<br>nth/Day/Y |               | An<br>Se<br>Un<br>De<br>Se<br>3 a   | Fitle and nount of curities derlying rivative curity (Inst nd 4)  Amour or Numbe of | r.  | . Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>nstr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securitie<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>ally<br>g                                 | 10.<br>Ownersh<br>Form:<br>Direct (D<br>or Indire<br>(I) (Instr. | Benefici Ownersi (Instr. 4) |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Salary redirection and/or dividend reinvestment in 401(k) plan for 2021.

/s/ Matt VanDeWielle, Attorney-in-Fact

02/07/2022

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person 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 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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