FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | 2. IS <u>L</u> A | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] | | | | | | | | | ationship o k all applio Directo | cable) | ng Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | | |
|--|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) 1510 CC | (F OUNTRY C | (First) (Middle) | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2009 | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (below) | specify |
| (Street) WARSA (City) | | | 46580 (Zip) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (=:5) | | | | n-Deriv | /ative | Se | curit | ies Ac | rauired | Disi | nosed o | of or Re | nefic | ially | Owner | <u> </u> | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Trans Date (Month/I | action | ar) i | 2A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/ | | 3. Transa Code (I | 3. 4. Transaction Di Code (Instr. 5) | | osed of, or Benefic Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) | | | 5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F | nt of es ally Following | Forn (D) o | wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) oi (D) | Pric | Price Repo | | d tion(s) and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common | Stock | | | 01/29/2009 | |) | | | М | | 1,150 |) A | ! | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 11, | 710 | | D | |
| Common | ommon Stock | | | 01/29/2009 | |) | | | S | | 1,150 |) D | \$1 | 9.65 | 10,560 | | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3, | 3,832 | | | By Mother | |
| | | 7 | | | | | | | quired, D s, optior | | | | | | Owned | | | | • |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme | ed n Date, | 4. Transactio Code (Inst 8) | | 5. Number of | | 6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da | ercisa Date | able and | | and Amount irities ving ive Security | | . Price of Perivative Security | 9. Numbe | 9 | Ownershi Form: y Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | (Wonassa | ly/real) | | | Acq (A) (Disp of (I (Ins | uired or oosed D) tr. 3, 4 | (MOHUI)Da | y/Yea | r) | | Securi | | nstr. 5) | Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | illy J | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership |
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| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$9.7188 | 01/29/2009 | | | Code | v | Acq (A) of Disp of (I (Ins and | uired or posed D) tr. 3, 4 5) | Date | E E | xpiration | Derivative (Instr. 3 a | Amou or Numb | unt per | | Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio | illy J | Direct (D) or Indirect | Ownership |
| Options (Right to | \$9.7188 | 01/29/2009 | | | | v | Acq (A) of Disp of (I (Ins and | uired or posed D) tr. 3, 4 5) | Date Exercisab | E E | xpiration ate | Derivative (Instr. 3 au | Amou or Numb of Share | unt per es | instr. 5) | Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4) | g on(s) | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership |
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| Options (Right to Buy) Phantom Stock Stock Options (Right to | (1) | 01/29/2009 | | | | v | Acq (A) of Disp of (I (Ins and | uired or posed D) tr. 3, 4 5) | Date Exercisab 02/09/200 | ED 000 | xpiration ate 2/09/2009 | Title Common Stock Common Stock | Amou or Numb of Share | unt per ess | instr. 5) | Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactii (Instr. 4) | on(s) | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership |

12/09/2008

10/12/2010

Explanation of Responses:

\$17.185

\$24.05

Stock Options

(Right to Buy)

(Right to

Stock Options

Buy)

- 1. Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 2. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- 3. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorneyin-Fact

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Common

Stock

Common

Stock

12/09/2013

05/14/2018

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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