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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*          SMITH CHARLES D         (Last)       (First)         (Middle)         1902 N. BAY DR. |               |                | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]<br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/05/2011 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title Other (specify<br>below) below)<br>Executive Vice President |  |               |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|----------------|---|---|--|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| (Street)<br>WARSAW<br>(City)  | IN<br>(State) | 46580<br>(Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X  | idual or Joint/Group Filing<br>Form filed by One Repo<br>Form filed by More thar<br>Person | orting Person |  |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  |               |                |   |   |  |               |  |  |  |  |

| 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>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |        | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|--------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                |   | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/05/2011                                 |   | М                            |   | 100   | Α             | \$0    | 825   | D   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/05/2011                                 |   | S                            |   | 100   | D             | \$23.5 | 725   | D   |   |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                              |   |   |               |        | 83,103  | Ι   | 401(k)<br>Plan                                      |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                              |   |   |               |        | 773   | Ι   | By<br>Spouse  |

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 8. Price of Derivative 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature Conversion Date Execution Date, Transaction Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Securities Underlying derivative Ownership of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) Derivative Beneficial Security or Exercise Price of if any Security Securities Form: (Instr. 3) Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 5) (Month/Day/Year) Securities Security Beneficially Direct (D) Ownership Derivative Acquired Owned or Indirect (Instr. 4) (A) or Disposed of (D) Following Security (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3. 4 (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount or Number Date Exercisable Expiration of Shares Code v (A) (D) Date Title Stock Option Common \$8.125 08/05/2011 12/11/2006 100 2,700 Μ 100 12/11/2011 \$<mark>0</mark> D (Right to Stock Buy) Restricted Common \$0<sup>(1)</sup> Stock Units 02/05/2012<sup>(2)</sup> 6.161 02/05/2012 6,161 D Stock Restricted Commo 03/15/2012<sup>(2)</sup> 4,000 Stock \$<mark>0</mark> 03/15/2012 4,000 D Stock Units<sup>(3)</sup> Restricted Common \$0<sup>(1)</sup> Stock 02/01/2013 02/01/2013(2) 4,000 4,000 D Stock Units<sup>(3)</sup> Restricted Commor \$0<sup>(1)</sup> 02/01/2014<sup>(2)</sup> 4,000 Stock 02/01/2014 4,000 D Stock Units<sup>(3)</sup> Stock Options Common \$17.185 12/09/2008 12/09/2013 10.000 10,000 D (Right to Stock Buv)

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

2. Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.

3. The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

<u>Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-</u> <u>in-Fact</u> 08/0

08/09/2011

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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