LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

DE BATTY JILL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

[LKFN]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

1908 SHORT RIDGE RD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2010

Director X_ Officer (give title

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

below)

Senior Vice President

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WARSAW, IN 46580

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

(A) or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable **Expiration Date** Title

Numbe of Shares

2,000

Amoun

Restricted

 $$0^{(1)}$ Stock Units (3)

01/01/2010

A 2,000 02/01/2013 02/01/2013(2)

Common

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

10% Owner Officer Director

Other

DE BATTY JILL A

1908 SHORT RIDGE RD **WARSAW, IN 46580**

Senior Vice President

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact

02/10/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).
- 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.

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