

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KREIENBERG WILLIAM L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
220 LIBERTY STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

WARSAW, NY 14569
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	4,485	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	18,003	I	Held in IRA
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	567 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held in 401K Plan

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	02/22/2017		A	1,808	02/22/2020 02/22/2020	Common Stock	1,808	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KREIENBERG WILLIAM L 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Michael D. Grover, by power of attorney
02/23/2017

**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).
- (1) Includes 17 shares acquired under the FISFI 401(k) plan since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of FISFI common stock.

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