

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2014

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 16, 2014

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-36448 (Commission File Number)	20-8251355 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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220 Elm Street  
New Canaan, Connecticut 06840  
(Address and Telephone Number)

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02 (e) Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On October 16, 2014, Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. (the “Company”) and its subsidiary, Bankwell Bank (the “Bank”) agreed to compensation terms for its acting Executive Chairman, Blake S. Drexler. Mr. Drexler is presently serving in that role on an interim basis pending an on-going search for a new, permanent Chief Executive Officer.

As Executive Chairman, Mr. Drexler will be paid based on an annualized base salary of \$250,000. He will be able to participate in the Company’s executive cash incentive plan, with a guaranteed, pro-rated bonus in 2014 of 30% of base salary. Although continuing to serve as Chairman of the Boards of the Company and Bank, while in the Executive Chairman role he will not be eligible for attendance or retainer fees paid to directors generally. He will participate in annual restricted stock awards that are granted to directors based on their Board responsibilities. His arrangement is at will, and includes no severance or change of control provisions.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Registrant

October 22, 2014

By: /s/ Ernest J. Verrico, Sr.  
Ernest J. Verrico, Sr.  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer