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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FINDLAY DAVID M Issuer Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [LKFN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 2828 E. PRESTWICK RD 03/10/2009 Executive Vice president (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WINNIE LAKE, IN 46590 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 26,000 D Stock Common 401(k) I 5,444 Stock Plan Common Ι 2,000 By Spouse Stock

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \textbf{Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned} \\ \textit{(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)}$

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number coof 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Share
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0	03/10/2009		A	6,000		03/15/2012	03/15/2012(1)	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.125						12/11/2006	12/11/2011	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.185						12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	10,00
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05						05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	10,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Kelationsinj	μs		
	Director	10% Owner Officer				Other
FINDLAY DAVID M						
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2828 E. PRESTWICK RD WINNIE LAKE, IN 46590 Executive Vice president

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 03/27/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.
- (2) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

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