

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
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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 *
 Lampert Todd

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 220 ELM STREET

(Street)

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. [BWFG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾					350	D	
Common Stock					3,898	I	Custodian for Minor
Common Stock ⁽²⁾					24,302	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2016		M	4,125 A	\$ 4,125	D	
					17.5		

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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (3)	\$ 17.5	12/09/2016		M	4,125	12/13/2006 12/13/2016	Common Stock	4,125
Stock Options (4)	\$ 20.7					12/12/2007 12/12/2017	Common Stock	3,871
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lampert Todd C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 220 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840	X			

Signatures

/s/ Todd Lampert
by POA 12/09/2016

**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).

- 1,400 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 BNC Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal annual installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on November 5, 2014 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the grant date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 1,050 Shares have vested and been moved to Direct Ownership
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 - (2) 9,499 of Shares reported are owned jointly with Spouse.
 - (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2006 Stock Option Plan, all of which are fully vested.
 - (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2007 Bank of New Canaan Stock Option Equity Award Plan, all of which are fully vested.

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