

Crouch Nora N
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Crouch Nora N
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
05/10/2010

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MARKEL CORP [MKL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

C/O MARKEL CORPORATION,Â 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY

(Street)

GLEN ALLEN,Â VAÂ 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Common Stock

416.4802

D Â

Common Stock

147.443

I 401(K) Plan ⁽¹⁾

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise

5. Ownership Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
		Title			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Crouch Nora N C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060			Controller and CAO	

Signatures

/s/ Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Nora N. Crouch
 Date: 05/19/2010

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan information (1) dated as of May 10, 2010 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$355.80. As of May 10, 2010, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.

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