Chivily Christine Form 4 February 12, 2019

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Chivily Christine

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 208 ELM STREET

(Street)

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

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(Month/Day/Year)

02/08/2019

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer Symbol

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Risk & Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	on(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			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	700	D (1)	
Common Stock							552	D (1)	
Common Stock	02/08/2019		F	93 (2)	D	\$ 28.7	7,084	D	
Common Stock							500	D (3)	
Common Stock							750	D (3)	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	- !
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ite	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Ī
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
Security					Acquired						1
					(A) or						1
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration	TC'41	or		
						Exercisable	Date	of	Number		
				C 1 W	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chivily Christine C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 208 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

Chief Risk & Credit Officer

Signatures

Christine Chivily by POA 02/12/2019

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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).

10,000 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 3,500 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in five equal annual installments of 20%, with the first installment to vest on December 1, 2015 and an additional 20% to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 2,800 Shares

(1) have vested. 2,210 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in four equal annual installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on December 1, 2016 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 1,658 Shares have vested. 4,290 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goals are achieved, but in any event no later than December 1, 2019. As of the Transaction Date, all 4,290 Performance Shares have vested.

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- (2) On 2/8/19 93 shares were withheld and sold through the Company sponsored cashless stock exercise program, to cover tax liability with respect to the vesting of restricted stock previously reported.
 - 1,500 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 750 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in three substantially equal annual installments, with the first installment to vest on
- (3) February 7, 2019 and the second and third installments to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 250 Shares have vested. 750 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goal is achieved.

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