

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Fieber James A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/02/2017

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

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

(Street)

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

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | 700                                                                                           | D <sup>(1)</sup>                                         |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2017                           |                                                    | S                              | 3,238 D                                                           | \$ 33.1728 186,804                                                                            | D <sup>(3)</sup>                                         |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 1,000                                                                                         | D <sup>(4)</sup>                                         |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 25,285                                                                                        | I                                                        | Deferred Compensation Plan                            |

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|-----------------|--|---------|---|--------------------|
| Common<br>Stock |  | 272,586 | I | Held as<br>Trustee |
|-----------------|--|---------|---|--------------------|

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>(Instr |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                  | Title                              | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(5)                             | \$ 20.7                                                            |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 12/12/2007                                                     | 12/12/2017                                                          | Common<br>Stock                    | 2,875                                  |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fieber James A  
C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
220 ELM STREET  
NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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## Signatures

/s/ James A. Fieber  
by POA 03/06/2017

\*\*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).

- 2,800 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, 2,100 Shares have vested.
- (1) Range of reported sale price is \$33.14 - \$33.24. Reporting person agrees to provide individual transaction information to the SEC upon request.
  - (2) 5,663 of Shares reported are owned jointly with Spouse.
  - (3) 1,000 shares of restricted stock granted on January 10, 2017, pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in two equal annual installments of 500 shares, with the first installment to vest on December 29, 2017 and the remaining 500 shares to vest on December 31, 2018.
  - (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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