Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

Form 4

December 17, 2014

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Palumbo Raymond W Symbol			Name and Ticker or Trading Il Financial Group, Inc.				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) C/O BANKWE GROUP, INC.,	f Earliest Transaction Day/Year) 014				_X_ Director Officer (give below)		6 Owner er (specify			
NEW CANAAN	ndment, Date Original h/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State) (Zip	^{p)} Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	Ionth/Day/Year) I	ransaction Date 2A. Deemed			ties I (A) of I of (D) 4 and (A) or (D)	or))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock							5,409	D		
Common Stock							2,275	I	1/4 Owner - Four Brothers Realty LLC	
Common Stock (1)	2/15/2014		A	300	A	\$0	300	D		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		te	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 17.86					10/01/2014	01/18/2023	Common Stock	5,040	
Warrants (2)	\$ 17.56					10/01/2014	03/05/2018	Common Stock	2,800	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Palumbo Raymond W

C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

220 ELM STREET

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

Signatures

/s/ Raymond W. Palumbo by POA

**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).

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300 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. The shares vest in three (1) substantially equal installments - the first immediately on December 15, 2014 and then on each of December 3, 2015 and December 3, 2016.

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(2) Fully vested.

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