Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

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See Instru 1(b).	Filed purification Filed purification 170	(a) of the F	Public U		ng Comp	pany	Act of					
1. Name and . Drexler Bla	Address of Reporting ake S	Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
			Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. [BWFG]					(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2016				X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)					
	KWELL FINANC NC., 220 ELM S											
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acc	quired, Dispos	ed of,	or Benef	icially Own	ned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Fo Owned at Di end of or Issuer's (I) Fiscal Year (In		rnership l m: 0	7. Nature of Indirect Be Ownership (Instr. 4)	ndirect Beneficial Ownership
					Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	875 (1)	D		Â	
Common Stock	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	58,224	I		Held as Trustee	
Common Stock	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	139,812	D		Â	

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27,186 <u>(2)</u> I

Common Stock

Deferred Compensation Plan

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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 20.7	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/12/2007	12/12/2017	Common Stock	2,788

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			-		
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe	
Drexler Blake S C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	^	^	^	^	
220 ELIVI STREET	ΑX	A	A	Ä	
NEW CANAAN, CT 06840					

Signatures

Blake S. Drexler
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).
- (1) 3,500 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

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the grant date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 2,625 Shares have vested.

- (2) This Form 5 is being filed to update the total amount of Deferred Compensation held as of 12/31/16.
- (3) 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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