

CHEESECAKE FACTORY 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 \*  
**BENN DOUG**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC  
 [CAKE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**26901 MALIBU HILLS RD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/08/2017**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Exec VP, CFO

**CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/08/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 9,246   | A  | \$ 31.1                           |
| Common Stock                    | 03/08/2017                           |  | S                              |   | 8,297   | D  | \$ 62                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 5,754   | A  | \$ 31.1                           |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2017                           |  | S                              |   | 5,125   | D  | \$ 62                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 8,800 <sup>(1)</sup>              |

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Common Stock 5,000 I By IRA

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 Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 31.1  | 03/08/2017                           |  | M                              | 9,246   | 01/06/2012 01/06/2019                                    | Common Stock  | 9,246                      |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 31.1  | 03/09/2017                           |  | M                              | 5,754   | 01/06/2012 01/06/2019                                    | Common Stock  | 5,754                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| BENN DOUG<br>26901 MALIBU HILLS RD<br>CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301 |               |           | Exec<br>VP,<br>CFO |       |

## Signatures

W. Douglas Benn by Debby Zurzolo, his attorney in fact

03/09/2017

\_\_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).

(1) Shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture.

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