Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Dineen David P

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/27/2016

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. [BWFG]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

EVP, Head of Community

Banking

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer (give title below) (specify below)

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW CANAAN. CTÂ 06840

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: Direct (D)

(Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I)

Common Stock 7,500

(Instr. 5) $\mathbf{D}^{(1)}$

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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dineen David P

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

Â EVP, Head of Community Banking

NEW CANAAN, CTÂ 06840

Signatures

/s/ David P. Dineen by POA 08/03/2016

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

7,500 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal (1) installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on July 11, 2017 and an additional 25% to vest on the anniversary of July 11th thereafter.

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