

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
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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 \*  
**FINDLAY DAVID M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
 [LKFN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**2828 E. PRESTWICK RD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/30/2017**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO**

**WINONA LAKE, IN 46590**

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/30/2017		M	21,420 A \$ 0	131,195	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2017		F	6,764 D \$ 45.72	124,431	D	
Common Stock					21,732	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					3,000	I	By Spouse

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/30/2017		M	21,420	02/01/2017	02/01/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	21,420 <sup>(4)</sup>
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					02/01/2018	02/01/2018 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	18,000
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					02/01/2019	02/01/2019 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	18,000
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					02/01/2020	02/01/2020 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	16,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINDLAY DAVID M 2828 E. PRESTWICK RD WINONA LAKE, IN 46590			President & CEO	

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/31/2017

    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) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.
- (4) Shares adjusted due to performance criteria.

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