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FORM 4

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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 *
Waitz Laura

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
[BWFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief of Staff

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/18/2019

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,625 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 315 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,000 | D ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,500 | D ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2019 | | A | 1,000 A \$ 0 | 1,000 | D ⁽³⁾ | |

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Common Stock 03/18/2019 A 1,000 A \$ 0 1,000 D ⁽³⁾

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Waitz Laura
C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
208 ELM STREET
NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

EVP & Chief of Staff

Signatures

/s/ Laura Waitz
by POA 03/20/2019

 **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).
- 7,500 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 August 31, 2018 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. 1,875 Shares have vested.

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3,000 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 1,500 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in three substantially equal annual installments, with the first installment to vest on

(2) February 7, 2019 and the second and third installments to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 500 Shares have vested. 1,500 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goal is achieved.

2,000 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 1,000 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in three substantially equal annual installments, with the first installment to vest on

(3) February 7, 2020 and the second and third installments to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. 1,000 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goal is achieved.

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