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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Connell Colleen M

(Last)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(First)

(Middle)

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

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/01/2009

Cornerstone Financial Corp [CFIC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Chief Credit Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6000 MIDLANTIC DRIVE, Â SUITE 120S

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

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

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MT. LAUREL, NJÂ 08054

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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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)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

(Instr. 5) Security: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Options Right to Purchase $10/02/2008\underline{^{(1)}} \quad 10/02/2017 \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Common} \\ \text{Stock} \end{array} \quad 522 \qquad \$ \ 9.4 \qquad \qquad D \qquad \hat{A}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Connell Colleen M

6000 MIDLANTIC DRIVE \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Chief Credit Officer \hat{A} SUITE 120S

MT. LAUREL, NJÂ 08054

Signatures

Ellen Giorgi POA 02/01/2009

**Signature of Date
Reporting 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).

(1) 348 shares become exercisable on 10/02/2008 with the remainder exercisable on 10/02/2009

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