

Chivily Christine  
Form 4  
March 20, 2019

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Chivily Christine

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Risk & Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price
Common Stock					700	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock					552	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock					7,084	D	
Common Stock					500	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock					750	D <sup>(2)</sup>	

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Common Stock	03/18/2019	A	1,750	A	\$ 0	1,750	D <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	03/18/2019	A	1,750	A	\$ 0	1,750	D <sup>(3)</sup>

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. 3)
				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

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

Chief Risk & Credit Officer

## Signatures

Christine Chivily  
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).

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10,000 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 3,500 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in five equal annual installments of 20%, with the first installment to vest on December 1, 2015 and an additional 20% to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 2,800 Shares have vested. 2,210 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in four equal annual installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on December 1, 2016 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 1,658 Shares have vested. 4,290 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goals are achieved, but in any event no later than December 1, 2019. As of the Transaction Date, all 4,290 Performance Shares have vested.

(1) 1,500 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 750 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in three substantially equal annual installments, with the first installment to vest on 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, 250 Shares have vested. 750 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goal is achieved.

(2) 3,500 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 1,750 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in three substantially equal annual installments, with the first installment to vest on February 7, 2020 and the second and third installments to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. 1,750 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goal is achieved.

(3) Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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