

Colony Financial, Inc.
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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 *
BARRACK THOMAS JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COLONY FINANCIAL, INC., 2450 BROADWAY, 6TH FLOOR

(Street)

SANTA MONICA, CA 90404

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Colony Financial, Inc. [CLNY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	05/09/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	8,777	A	\$ 0	14,766	I ⁽¹⁾	By Colony Financial Manager, LLC
Common Stock							281,579	I	By Family Trust

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 Reporting 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
BARRACK THOMAS JR C/O COLONY FINANCIAL, INC. 2450 BROADWAY, 6TH FLOOR SANTA MONICA, CA 90404	X		Executive Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ David A. Palame, as Attorney-in-fact 05/11/2012

__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).

The Manager is the direct owner of the 14,766 reported securities. Colony Capital, LLC ("Colony Capital") is the managing member of the Manager, and Thomas J. Barrack, Jr. ("Mr. Barrack") is the sole managing member of Colony Capital. Accordingly, Mr. Barrack may be deemed to beneficially own all of the reported securities. This filing shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Barrack is the

(1) beneficial owner of any securities beneficially owned by the Manager except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The reported securities were acquired by the Manager as payment of an incentive fee pursuant to an amended and restated management agreement, dated as of November 7, 2011, by and among Colony Financial, Inc. (the "Issuer"), Colony Financial TRS, LLC and the Manager (the "Amended and Restated Management Agreement").

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