

Colony Financial, Inc.  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
12/20/2012

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)		
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/20/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>	375,000	A	\$ 0	445,915	I	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 Reported Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## 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

12/21/2012

\_\_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).
- Colony Financial Manager, LLC (the "Manager") is the direct owner of these 445,915 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 beneficial owner of any securities beneficially owned by the Manager except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The current reported securities acquired represent common stock granted by Colony Financial, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan, for services provided by or on behalf of the Manager for the benefit of the Company.

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