

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
November 13, 2015

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 13, 2015

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

001-36448

20-8251355

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

220 Elm Street

New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

(Address and Telephone Number)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(b) On November 13, 2015, Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. and its subsidiary Bankwell Bank (collectively, "Bankwell") and Gail E. D. Brathwaite ("Brathwaite") announced that Brathwaite has tendered her resignation from her positions at Bankwell (currently Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer) effective December 11, 2015 ("Effective Date"). At Bankwell's request, Brathwaite has agreed on a consulting arrangement through June 30, 2016.

Bankwell issued a press release in connection with the resignation, which is attached to this filing.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits  
9.01

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated November 13, 2015

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Registrant

November 13, 2015 By: /s/ Ernest J. Verrico, Sr.  
Ernest J. Verrico, Sr.  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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