

MALLORY LEWIS F JR
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MALLORY LEWIS F JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP
 [CADE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 01/20/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board and CEO

P. O. BOX 1187
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

STARKVILLE, MS 39760

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	01/20/2009	01/20/2009	J	4,356.252	A	\$ 0	69,227.146	I	By Employee Benefit Plan
Cadence Financial Corporation Common	01/20/2009	01/20/2009	J	164.6691	A	\$ 0	3,064.07	I	By Employee 401K Plan

Stock

Cadence
Financial
Corporation
Common
Stock

Â Â Â Â Â Â 2,853 D Â

Cadence
Financial
Corporation
Common
Stock

Â Â Â Â Â Â 100,336 D Â

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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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 20.75	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	06/13/2002 06/12/2011	common stock 33,333
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 24.11	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	06/13/2003 06/12/2012	common stock 33,333
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 25.2	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/01/2005 04/30/2014	common stock 33,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MALLORY LEWIS F JR P. O. BOX 1187 STARKVILLE, MS 39760	X			Chairman of the Board and CEO

Signatures

Lewis F.
Mallory, Jr. 01/20/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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