

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 07, 2014

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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): August 7, 2014

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Connecticut<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | 001-36448<br>(Commission File Number) | 20-8251355<br>(IRS Employer Identification<br>No.) |
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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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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On August 7, 2014, Bankwell Financial Group, Inc., the holding company for Bankwell Bank, issued a Press Release announcing that Peyton R. Patterson has resigned from her positions as chief executive officer, president and board member, effective immediately. Chairman Blake S. Drexler has been appointed executive chairman by the Board of Directors and will assume Ms. Patterson's responsibilities.

A copy of the Press Release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this current Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated August 7, 2014. |
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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

August 7, 2014

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

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Press Release dated August 7, 2014

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