

Leimkuhler William F.
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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 *
Leimkuhler William F.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
43 SALEM STRAITS RD.
(Street)
DARIEN, CT 06820
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARGAN INC [AGX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/11/2018

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	V Amount (D) Price		
					20,000	D	By Elizabeth K. Leimkuhler Trust Under Agreement dated August 30, 2005
Common Stock					1,000	I	By Emily K. Leimkuhler Trust Under
Common Stock					1,000	I	By Emily K. Leimkuhler Trust Under

Agreement dated August 30, 2005

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 46.35	01/11/2018		A	10,000 <u>(1)</u>	01/11/2019 01/11/2028	Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Leimkuhler William F. 43 SALEM STRAITS RD. DARIEN, CT 06820		X		

Signatures

/s/ William F.
Leimkuhler
01/12/2018
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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On January 11, 2018 (the "Grant Date"), the Reporting Person received 10-year options, vesting ratably over three years on each anniversary date from the Grant Date, to purchase 10,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock with an exercise price of \$46.35 per share.

(2) The total number of stock options owned by the Reporting Person includes options to acquire (i) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$18.87 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/18/2013 and Expiration Date of 12/18/2022; (ii) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$26.88 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/17/2014 and Expiration Date of 12/17/2023; (iii) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$31.82 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/11/2015 and Expiration Date of 12/11/2024; (iv) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$30.44 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/7/2017 and Expiration Date of 1/7/2026; (v) 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$71.75 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/5/2018 and Expiration Date of 1/5/2027; and (vi) 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$46.35 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/11/2019 and Expiration Date of 1/11/2028.

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