

MCLAUGHLIN RONALD MITCHELL  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â MCLAUGHLIN RONALD MITCHELL		(Month/Day/Year)	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
220 LIBERTY STREET			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Senior Vice President	
WARSAW, Â NY Â 14569			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	3,400	D	Â
Common Stock	2,806 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	held in 401K plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	08/04/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/04/2009	Common Stock	958	\$ 14	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	04/24/2001 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/24/2010	Common Stock	996	\$ 12.688	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	01/30/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/30/2011	Common Stock	1,067	\$ 14.125	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	01/30/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/30/2012	Common Stock	850	\$ 25.33	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/18/2004 <sup>(6)</sup>	02/18/2013	Common Stock	988	\$ 22.51	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/04/2005 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/04/2014	Common Stock	1,281	\$ 23.8	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/23/2006 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/23/2015	Common Stock	1,755	\$ 21.05	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	07/26/2007 <sup>(9)</sup>	07/26/2016	Common Stock	1,900	\$ 19.75	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	07/25/2008 <sup>(10)</sup>	07/25/2017	Common Stock	1,900	\$ 19.41	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCLAUGHLIN RONALD MITCHELL 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Michael D. Grover for R. Mitchell  
McLaughlin

05/14/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) Held under 401(K) as of 5/6/2009
- (2) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on August 4, 2000.
- (3) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on April 24, 2001.
- (4) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2002.

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- (5) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2003.
- (6) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on February 18, 2004.
- (7) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on February 4, 2005.
- (8) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2006.
- (9) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on July 26, 2007.
- (10) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on July 25, 2008.

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