MARTIN DARRELL D

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MARTIN DARRELL D Issuer Symbol MARKEL CORP [MKL] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O MARKEL 05/10/2010 CORPORATION, 4521 **HIGHWOODS PKWY** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

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Person

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative (Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially Owned	(D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership		
		(Code V	Amount	(A) or	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/10/2010		A(1)	223	A	\$0	19,640	D		
Common Stock							3,500	I	By Spouse	

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

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	1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security or (Instr. 3) P.		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Wondin Day) Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year) ve es d		Underly Securiti	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director

MARTIN DARRELL D C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060



Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Darrell D. Martin

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

05/12/2010

- (1) Restricted stock granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan. Shares will vest on May 9, 2011.
- (2) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.

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