SALTZMAN RICHARD B

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SALTZMAN RICHARD B

(Zip)

(First) (Middle)

C/O COLONY FINANCIAL, INC., 2450 BROADWAY, 6TH **FLOOR**

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Colony Financial, Inc. [CNLY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/19/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner _X__ Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

CEO and President

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	omr Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership		
					Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)		
				(4)	Reported	(I)			
				(A)	Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)			
			C-J- V	Or A (D) D	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code V	Amount (D) Price					
Common	02/10/2012		a	7,812 \$ 17,0152	100.051	.			
Stock	03/19/2012		S	(1) D 17.0153	188,951	D			
Stock				<u>(2)</u>					

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
	Derivative Security				Securities Acquired			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed						Repo Trans
					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SALTZMAN RICHARD B C/O COLONY FINANCIAL, INC. 2450 BROADWAY, 6TH FLOOR SANTA MONICA, CA 90404	X		CEO and President			

Signatures

/s/ David A. Palame, as Attorney-in-fact 03/21/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The disposition represents the sale of common stock to fund the payment of federal income taxes incurred by the reporting person in connection with the vesting of restricted common stock.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.92 to \$17.12, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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