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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI] **BIRMINGHAM MARTIN** (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2009 **KEARNEY** (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 220 LIBERTY STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting X_ Officer Other Person WARSAW, NYÂ 14569 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Senior Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 8,500 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	03/16/2006(1)	03/16/2015	Common Stock	4,596	\$ 20.39	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	07/26/2007(2)	07/26/2016	Common Stock	1,650	\$ 19.75	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	07/25/2008(3)	07/25/2017	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 19.41	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BIRMINGHAM MARTIN KEARNEY 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â		

Signatures

Michael D. Grover for Martin K.

Birmingham

05/14/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- * 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).

Date

- (1) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2006.
- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on July 26, 2007.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installmenst beginning on July 25, 2008.

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