

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BFC FINANCIAL CORP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC [BBX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/18/2008

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

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value | 08/18/2008 | | P | | 459,400 <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> | A | | \$ 1,3421 <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 8,788,636 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value | 08/19/2008 | | P | | 40,600 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | A | | \$ 1,3736 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> | 8,829,236 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |

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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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BFC FINANCIAL CORP 2100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 | | | X | |

Signatures

/s/ John K. Grelle, Chief Financial Officer
08/20/2008
**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 reporting person purchased these shares in the open market on August 18, 2008 at prices ranging from \$1.27 per share to \$1.40 per share.
- (2) The reporting person purchased these shares in the open market on August 19, 2008 at prices ranging from \$1.37 per share to \$1.39 per share.
- (3) The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, the issuer, or any shareholder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each purchase price.
- (4) The reporting person additionally owns 4,876,124 shares of the issuer's Class B Common Stock which are convertible at any time in the reporting person's discretion on a share-for-share basis into the issuer's Class A Common Stock.

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