

COOLEY PHILIP L
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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 *
COOLEY PHILIP L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O TRINITY UNIVERSITY, ONE TRINITY PLACE

(Street)

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.50 | 02/13/2009 | | A | 897 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 55,123 | D ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.50 | | | | | | | 11,000 | I | By Spouse |

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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COOLEY PHILIP L C/O TRINITY UNIVERSITY ONE TRINITY PLACE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212 | X | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Cooley,
Philip L. 02/18/2009

__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) Shares granted as payment of the Board retainer fees under the Issuer's 2008 Incentive Equity Plan, a plan approved by the Issuer's shareholders. They have a two-year vesting period.

The Reporting Person is a member of a Section 13(d) group with respect to the securities of the Issuer that beneficially owns in excess of (2) 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by the other members of the group except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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