

Benjamin Valerie C  
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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 Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  |   |
| Â Benjamin Valerie C                      |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     | FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]   |   |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 07/16/2018                           | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| 220 LIBERTY STREET                        |         |          |                                      | (Check all applicable)  |   |
| (Street)                                  |         |          |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>Senior Vice President | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| WARSAW,Â NYÂ 14569                        |         |          |                                      |   |   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |                                      |   |   |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|

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

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

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

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Benjamin Valerie C<br>220 LIBERTY STREET<br>WARSAW, NY 14569 | Â             | Â         | Â Senior Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

Michael D. Grover, by power of attorney 07/25/2018

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

\* 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).

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