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Common Stock								
Cadence Financial Corporation 01/28/2010 Common Stock	01/28/2010	J	4.0543	A	\$ 0	797.84	I	By Employee Benefit Plan
Cadence Financial Corporation 01/28/2010 Common Stock	01/28/2010	J	36.5747	D	\$0	12,839.24	I	By Employee 401K Plan
Reminder: Report on a separate line securities beneficially owned directly	Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.						SEC 2270 (9-02)	

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)	Number		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 20.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/13/2002	06/12/2011	common stock	13,333
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 24.11	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/13/2003	06/12/2012	common stock	13,333
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 25.2	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/01/2005	04/30/2014	common stock (1)	13,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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STARKVILLE, MSÂ 39760

Signatures

Mark Abernathy 02/11/2011

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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- * 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) All options are vested.

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