

CANER GEORGE C JR  
Form 4/A  
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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 \*  
CANER GEORGE C JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BROOKLINE BANCORP INC  
[brkl]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
160 WASHINGTON ST  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/24/2009

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

BROOKLINE, MA 02447-0469  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
12/11/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common stock	11/24/2009		G	V <u>45,225</u> <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 0	22,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common stock	11/24/2009		G	<u>45,225</u> <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0	45,225	I	Irrevocable Trust of Spouse <sup>(1)</sup>
Common stock	12/10/2009		S	11,000 D \$ 9,748	34,225	I	Irrevocable Trust of Spouse

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock options	\$ 15.02					01/02/2005	12/19/2013	Common stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CANER GEORGE C JR 160 WASHINGTON ST BROOKLINE, MA 02447-0469		X		

## Signatures

Paul R. Bechet, Power of Attorney  
12/24/2009  
\*\*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) On November 24, 2009, George C. Caner, Jr. voluntarily transferred 45,225 as a gift to the Judith B. Caner 1991 Irrevocable Trust. Judith Caner was the spouse of George Caner. George Caner is one of the two trustees of the Trust.
- (2) The amount of shares owned by George C. Caner, Jr. of 22,000 is one share less than the number of shares previously reported as owned before the transfer mentioned in footnote one. The one share difference resulted from treatment of a fractional share when an exchange occurred on July 9, 2002.

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