

RIZZO JOHN LEONARD
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â RIZZO JOHN LEONARD		(Month/Day/Year)	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP & Corporate Secretary	
WARSAW,Â NYÂ 14569			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	100	I	held in IRA

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

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

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	07/25/2008 ⁽¹⁾	07/25/2017	Common Stock	1,100	\$ 19.41	D	^
Stock Option (right to buy)	07/07/2009 ⁽²⁾	07/07/2018	Common Stock	1,100	\$ 15.85	D	^

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		
RIZZO JOHN LEONARD 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569	^	^	^	SVP & Corporate Secretary	^

Signatures

Michael D. Grover for John L. Rizzo 02/25/2010

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on July 25, 2008
- (2) Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on July 7, 2009.

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