

Kiscaden Bradley James  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Kiscaden Bradley James  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 07/01/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MARKEL CORP [MKL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

C/O MARKEL CORPORATION,Â 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY  
 (Street)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer \_\_\_ Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Actuarial Officer

GLEN ALLEN,Â VAÂ 23060  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 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	5,034.0547 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	490.54	I	401(K) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>

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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kiscaden Bradley James C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060	^	^	^ EVP & Chief Actuarial Officer	^

## Signatures

/s/ Donna L. Strauss, Attorney-in-fact for Bradley James Kiscaden	07/03/2012
**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) The total includes 1,668 Restricted Stock Units awarded pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan that will vest, subject to certain conditions, on May 10, 2015. The total also includes 605 other Restricted Stock Units awarded pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan, of which 195 units will vest on December 31, 2012, 94 units will vest on December 31, 2014, and 316 units will vest on December 31, 2015.
- (2) Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of June 29, 2012 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$441.70. As of June 29, 2012, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.

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