

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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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 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC			(Month/Day/Year)	SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
PO BOX 1079				(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)				___ Director ___ 10% Owner	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
TYLER,Â TXÂ 75710				_X_ Officer ___ Other (specify below)	___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		EVP / Treasurer	

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)
Southside Bancshares, Inc.	2,291	D	Â

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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC PO BOX 1079 TYLER, TX 75710	Â	Â	Â EVP / Treasurer	Â

Signatures

Michael L. Coogan 02/24/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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