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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Colony Bankcorp, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Georgia (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 58-1492391

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

115 South Grant Street Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750 Tel: (229) 426-6000

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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(Name, Address, including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

With copies to:

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public registration statement.	From time to time after the effective date of this				

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. o

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

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If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Unit		Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price		Amount of Registration Fee	
Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, no par value per share	28,000	\$	1,000 (1)	\$	28,000,000 (1)	\$	1,101.00
Warrant to Purchase Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and underlying shares of Common Stock(2)	500,000 (2)	\$	8.40 (3)	\$	4,200,000 (3)	\$	165.00
TOTAL:				\$	32,2000,000	\$	1,266.00

- (1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(a) and includes such additional number of shares of Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, of a currently indeterminable amount, as may from time to time become issuable by reason of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) In addition to the Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, there are being registered hereunder (a) a warrant for the purchase of 500,000 shares of Common Stock with an initial per share exercise price of \$8.40, (b) the 500,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of such warrant and (c) such additional number of shares of Common Stock, of a currently indeterminable amount, as may from time to time become issuable by reason of stock splits, stock dividends and certain anti-dilution provisions set forth in such warrant, which shares of Common Stock are registered hereunder pursuant to Rule 416.

(3) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(i) with respect to the per share exercise price of the warrant of \$8.40.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling securityholders may not sell these securities or accept an offer to buy these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where such offer or sale is not permitted.

### DATED JANUARY 30, 2009

### **PROSPECTUS**

Colony Bankcorp, Inc.

Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A Warrant to Purchase 500,000 Shares of Common Stock 500,000 Shares of Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the potential resale from time to time by selling securityholders of some or all of the shares of our Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, no par value per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), a warrant (the "Warrant") to purchase 500,000 shares of our common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Common Stock"), and any shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of the Warrant. In this prospectus, we refer to the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, the Warrant and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrant, collectively, as the "Securities." The Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrant were originally issued by us pursuant to the Letter Agreement dated January 9, 2009, and the related Securities Purchase Agreement—Standard Terms, between us and the United States Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury") in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act.

The Treasury and its successors, including transferees (collectively, the "Selling Securityholders"), may offer the securities from time to time directly or through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents and in one or more public or private transactions and at fixed prices, prevailing market prices, at prices related to the prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. If these securities are sold through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, the Selling Securityholders will be responsible for underwriting discounts or commissions or agents' commissions.

Neither the Series A Preferred Stock nor the Warrant is listed on any exchange, and, unless requested by the Treasury, we do not intend to list the Series A Preferred Stock on any exchange. We do not intend to list the Warrant on any exchange.

Our Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market and trades under the ticker symbol "CBAN." On January 28, 2009, the last reported sale price of our Common Stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market was \$7.54. You are urged to obtain current market quotations of the Common Stock.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 2.

Our principal executive offices are located at 115 South Grant Street, Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750, and our telephone number is (229) 426-6000. Our Internet address is www.colonybank.com.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

These securities are not deposits or accounts or other obligations of any bank or savings association and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

The date of this prospectus is January 30, 2009

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### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, the Selling Securityholders may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

The registration statement containing this prospectus, including the exhibits to the registration statement, provides additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. The registration statement, including the exhibits and the documents incorporated herein by reference, can be read on the SEC website or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Incorporation by Reference." All references to "Colony Bankcorp, Inc.," "the Company," "we," "our," "us" and similar terms refer to Colony Bankcorp, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires.

We may provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of a particular offering by the Selling Securityholders. The prospectus supplement may add, update or change information in this prospectus. If the information in the prospectus is inconsistent with a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in that prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and, if applicable, any prospectus supplement. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for more information.

We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. Neither this prospectus nor any prospectus supplement constitutes an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor does this prospectus or any prospectus supplement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of such document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

### ABOUT COLONY BANKCORP, INC.

Colony Bankcorp, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered in Fitzgerald, Georgia, with thirty locations in the south and middle Georgia cities of Fitzgerald, Warner Robins, Centerville, Ashburn, Leesburg, Cordele, Albany, Thomaston, Columbus, Sylvester, Tifton, Moultrie, Douglas, Broxton, Savannah, Eastman, Chester, Soperton, Rochelle, Pitts, Quitman and Valdosta. Total consolidated assets of the company are approximately \$1.25 billion.

The executive offices of the Company are located at 115 South Grant Street, Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750. The Company's telephone number is (229) 426-6000. The website for the Company and Colony Bank is www.colonybank.com. Information on this website does not constitute part of this prospectus.

### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference herein contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States securities laws that deal with future results, expectations, plans and performance. In addition, the Company's management may make forward-looking statements orally to the media, securities analysts, investors or others. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include words such as "optimism," "look-forward," "bright," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "into the media of the company of the com

"plan," "estimate" or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could" or "n-1-

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Forward-looking statements about the Company's expected financial results and other plans are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These include, but are not limited to, the following: possible legislative changes and adverse economic, business and competitive conditions and developments (such as shrinking interest margins and continued short-term rate environments); deposit outflows; reduced demand for financial services and loan products; changes in accounting policies or guidelines, or in monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government; changes in credit and other risks posed by the Company's loan and lease portfolios; the ability or inability of the Company to manage interest rate and other risks; unexpected or continuing claims against the Company's self-insured health plan; the Company's use of trust preferred securities; the ability or inability of the Company to successfully enter into a definitive agreement for and close anticipated transactions; technological, computer-related or operational difficulties; adverse changes in securities markets; results of litigation; or other significant uncertainties.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. The Company does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made. Although the Company believes that its expectations are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Based upon changing conditions, should any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in any forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements should not be viewed as predictions, and should not be the primary basis upon which investors evaluate the Company. Any investor in the Company should consider all risks and uncertainties disclosed in our filings with the SEC, described below under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information," all of which are accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

### RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves significant risks. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties and the risk factors set forth in the documents and reports filed with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act, that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as well as any risks described in any applicable prospectus supplement, before you make an investment decision regarding the Securities. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Recent negative developments in the financial services industry and U.S. and global credit markets may adversely impact our operations and results.

Negative developments in the capital markets in the latter half of 2007 and in 2008 and the expectation of the general economic downturn continuing in 2009 have resulted in uncertainty in the financial markets in general. Loan portfolio performances have deteriorated at many institutions resulting from, among other fac