

BENN DOUG  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
BENN DOUG

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC  
[CAKE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
26901 MALIBU HILLS RD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/06/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec VP, CFO

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 7,500<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 9.2 55,904 D                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 4,576<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 34.5 51,328 D                  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/07/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 1,775<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 34.65 49,553 D                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 5,000 I By IRA                    |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options to purchase common stock           | \$ 9.2   | 09/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 7,500   | 02/05/2010 02/05/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 7,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| BENN DOUG<br>26901 MALIBU HILLS RD<br>CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301 |               |           | Exec<br>VP,<br>CFO |       |

## Signatures

W. Douglas  
Benn 09/10/2012

\_\_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) Pursuant to 10b5-1 trading plan.

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