Bowers Bethany L. Form 3 March 05, 2019 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number: January 31,

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Bowers Bethany L.			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/19/2018	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
220 LIBERTY	Y STREET	-					1 1100(11101111			
(Street) WARSAW, NY 14569				(Check all applicable)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 			
				Director 10% Owner X_Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive S	ecurities E	rities Beneficially Owned			
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Restricted Stock Unit 02/27/2021 02/27/2021	Common Stock	200	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Bowers Bethany L. 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		
Signatures						
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Michael D. Grover, by power of attorney

03/05/2019

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of FISI common stock.

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