#### Colony Financial, Inc. Form 3 September 23, 2009 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number:

# **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> BARRA			<ol> <li>Date of Event Requiring Statement</li> <li>(Month/Day/Year)</li> </ol>	<sup>g</sup> 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Colony Financial, Inc. [CLNY]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/23/2009	4. Relationsl Person(s) to	nip of Reporting Issuer	g	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O COLONY FINANCIAL, INC., 1999 AVENUE OF THE STARS, SUITE 1200 (Street) LOS ANGELES, CA 90067				(Check all applicable) X DirectorX 10% Owner X Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Executive Chairman		Owner r ow)	<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group</li> <li>Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting</li> <li>Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One</li> </ul>	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I -	Non-Deriva	tive Securit	ies Be	Reporting Person meficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity			of Securities	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial ership	
Common Stock			1,000		Ι	By Colony Capital Acquisitions, LLC (1)		
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benefic owned directly or indirectly.				icially	SEC 1473 (7-02	2)		
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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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		(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BARRACK THOMAS JR C/O COLONY FINANCIAL, INC. 1999 AVENUE OF THE STARS, SUITE 1200 LOS ANGELES, CA 90067		ÂX	ÂX	Executive Chairman	Â		
Signatures							
/s/ David A. Palame, 09/23 Attorney-in-Fact		3/2009					
**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).

Colony Capital Acquisitions, LLC ("Acquisitions") is the direct owner of the securities reported herein. Colony Capital, LLC is the sole member of Acquisitions and Thomas J. Barrack, Jr. ("Barrack") is the sole managing member of Colony Capital, LLC. Accordingly,

(1) Interform Acquisitions and Thomas J. Barrack, Jr. (Barrack ) is the sole managing member of Colony Capital, EEC. Accordingly,
 Barrack may be deemed to beneficially own all of the securities reported on this Form 3. This filing shall not be deemed an admission that Barrack is the beneficial owner of any securities beneficially owned by Acquisitions except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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### **Remarks:**

### Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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