

BLUE NILE INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**IRVINE DIANE M**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 411 FIRST AVENUE S, STE 700**  
  
(Street)  
  
**SEATTLE, WA 98104**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BLUE NILE INC [NILE]**  
  
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/21/2011**  
  
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Former CEO**  
  
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		M		1,268	A	\$ 30	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,268	D	\$ 38.2654	
Common Stock	12/22/2011		M		20,032	A	\$ 30	
Common Stock	12/22/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,032	D	\$ 38.3598	
							1,160	
							I	By Son

Common Stock				
Common Stock		1,160	I	By Daughter
Common Stock		1,160	I	By Daughter

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	12/21/2011		M	1,268	<u>(4)</u>	07/26/2014	Common Stock	1,268
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	12/22/2011		M	20,032	<u>(4)</u>	07/26/2014	Common Stock	20,032

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IRVINE DIANE M C/O BLUE NILE, INC. 411 FIRST AVENUE S, STE 700 SEATTLE, WA 98104			Former CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Lauren Neiswender, Power of  
Attorney

12/23/2011

\_\_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) Any short-swing profits will be paid to the company as required by Rule 16(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) Represents the weighted average sale price. The highest price at which shares were sold was \$38.52 and lowest price at which shares were sold was \$38.00.
- (3) Represents the weighted average sale price. The highest price at which shares were sold was \$38.70 and lowest price at which shares were sold was \$38.00.
- (4) 25% of the option shares vested on August 26, 2005 and one-forty-eighth of the option shares vested in equal monthly installments over the following thirty-six months. As of November 11, 2011, all unvested options were canceled.
- (5) Not applicable.

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