

CIAMPA DOMINICK  
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 \*  
CIAMPA DOMINICK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC [NYB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
615 MERRICK AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

WESTBURY, NY 11590

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/10/2008		P	V 700 A \$ 11.428	4,338	I	By Spouse's IRA
Common Stock	12/10/2008		G	V 40,000 D \$ 0	45,543	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2008		G	V 40,000 A \$ 0	275,093	I	By Foundation
Common Stock	05/16/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V 107,940 D \$ 0	85,543	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V 107,940 A \$ 0	215,260	I	As Trustee

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Common Stock 255,292 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.41					07/24/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/24/2012	Common Stock	216,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CIAMPA DOMINICK 615 MERRICK AVENUE WESTBURY, NY 11590		X		

Signatures

By: /s/ Ilene A. Angarola, Power of Attorney 12/12/2008  
 \*\*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) 107,940 shares previously held by Direct ownership have been transferred and are now held indirectly by Trustee.
- (2)

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Stock Options automatically granted pursuant to the reload feature of the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan that were exercisable on July 24, 2002.

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