

MARTIN DARRELL D

Form 4

January 04, 2012

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MARTIN DARRELL D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARKEL  
CORPORATION, 4521  
HIGHWOODS PKWY

(Street)

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
MARKEL CORP [MKL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/06/2011

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)

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 09/06/2011                              |                                                             | G <sup>(1)</sup>         | V 3,400 D \$ 0                                                             | 12,775 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                              | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 09/06/2011                              |                                                             | G <sup>(1)</sup>         | V 3,400 A \$ 0                                                             | 6,900                                                                                                              | I                                                                    | By Spouse<br><sup>(3)</sup>                                       |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                          |                                                                            | 3,662 <sup>(4)</sup>                                                                                               | I                                                                    | By Trust<br><sup>(4)</sup>                                        |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 10) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                            | Relationships                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                           | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| MARTIN DARRELL D<br>C/O MARKEL CORPORATION<br>4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY<br>GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060 | X                                |

## Signatures

/s/ Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Darrell D.  
Martin 01/04/2012

\_\_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) This transaction involved a gift of securities by Mr. Martin to his spouse.

End-of-period holdings also reflect a change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of the distribution of 1,338 shares from a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust to Mr. Martin. Holdings include 197 shares of restricted stock that will vest on May 8, 2012, the grant of which pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan was reported previously.

(3) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.

(4) Mr. Martin is a Trustee and partial beneficiary of a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust. End-of-period holdings reflect a change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of the distribution of 1,338 shares from the GRAT to Mr. Martin.

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