**BLUE NILE INC** 

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * IRVINE DIANE M	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BLUE NILE INC [NILE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O BLUE NILE, INC., 411 FIRST AVENUE S, STE 700	12/14/2011	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specification)  Former CEO		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SEATTLE, WA 98104		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired action(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/14/2011		M	4,390	A	\$ 30	52,879	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	4,390	D	\$ 38.63 (2)	48,489	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2011		M	4,100	A	\$ 21.22	52,589	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2011		S(1)	4,100	D	\$ 38.63 (2)	48,489	D	
	12/15/2011		M	210	A	\$ 30	48,699	D	

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Common Stock								
Common Stock	12/15/2011	S <u>(1)</u>	210	D	\$ 38.5	48,489	D	
Common Stock						1,160	I	By Son
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 on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	12/14/2011		M	4,390	(3)	07/26/2014	Common Stock	4,390	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.22	12/14/2011		M	4,100	<u>(5)</u>	02/22/2019	Common Stock	4,100	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30	12/15/2011		M	210	(3)	07/26/2014	Common Stock	210	

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### **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

12/16/2011

\*\*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 \$38.87 and lowest price at which shares were sold was \$38.50.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) 25% of the option shares vested on February 23, 2010 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.

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