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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Beitler Elaine                          |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | BOWNE & CO INC [BNE]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 02/08/2006   |  |
| 55 WATER STREET                           |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10041                      |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | President, BMBC  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 10,755.2 <sup>(1)</sup>                               | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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

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|                             |       |            |              | Shares |            | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|--------|------------|-------------------|---|
| Options to buy Common Stock | Â (2) | 06/24/2008 | Common Stock | 6,000  | \$ 22.5    | D                 | Â |
| Options to buy Common Stock | Â (3) | 12/15/2009 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 12.2188 | D                 | Â |
| Options to buy Common Stock | Â (4) | 12/12/2010 | Common Stock | 19,400 | \$ 8.8438  | D                 | Â |
| Options to buy Common Stock | Â (5) | 12/10/2008 | Common Stock | 15,000 | \$ 12.91   | D                 | Â |
| Options to buy Common Stock | Â (5) | 12/18/2009 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 10.58   | D                 | Â |
| Options to buy Common Stock | Â (5) | 12/30/2010 | Common Stock | 12,000 | \$ 13.855  | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Beitler Elaine<br>55 WATER STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10041 | Â             | Â         | Â President, BMBC | Â     |

## Signatures

Elaine Beitler by Scott L. Spitzer under Power of Attorney 02/08/2006

\*\*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).
- The number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned as of the date reported, including the number of deferred stock units credited to the Reporting Person under Company plans, as permitted under applicable SEC rules, and including Restricted Stock granted under the
- (1) 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan for no-cash consideration in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). This Restricted Stock grant will vest by a third on the first three anniversaries of the grant, the to be fully vested in three years. The entire grant will immediately vest upon the grantee's retirement with the approval of the Board of Directors, his permanently disability or death.
  - (2) Incentive Stock Options granted under the Company's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. Options became exercisable in 25% increments on the first four anniversaries of the grant.
  - (3) Non-Qualified stock options, granted under the Company's 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan, becoming exercisable in 25% increments on the first four anniversaries of the grant.
  - (4) Non-Qualified stock options granted under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Options become exercisable in 50% increments on the first two anniversaries of the grant.
  - (5) Non-Qualified stock options granted under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Options become exercisable in 50% increments on the first two anniversaries of the grant.

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