Leimkuhler William F. Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Leimkuhler William F.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARGAN INC [AGX]				ing	Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 43 SALEM STRAITS RD.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2017					(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
DARIEN, O		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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2017		Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, Amount 5,000	(A) or	d of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock								1,000	I	By Elizabeth K. Leimkuhler Trust Under Agreement dated August 30, 2005	
Common								1,000	I	By Emily K.	

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Trust Under Agreement dated August 30, 2005

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)			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 Option to purchase Common	\$ 17.33	12/12/2017		M		5,000 (1)	12/20/2012	12/20/2021	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Leimkuhler William F. 43 SALEM STRAITS RD. DARIEN, CT 06820	X						

Signatures

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/s/ William F. 12/13/2017 Leimkuhler

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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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) On December 12, 2017, the Reporting Person exercised his stock option to purchase 5,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock at a price of \$17.33 per share
 - The total number of stock options owned by the Reporting Person includes options to acquire (i) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$18.87 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/18/2013 and Expiration Date of 12/18/2022; (ii) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$26.88 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/17/2014 and Expiration Date of 12/17/2023; (iii)
- (2) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$31.82 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/11/2015 and Expiration Date of 12/11/2024; (iv) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$30.44 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/7/2017 and Expiration Date of 1/7/2026; and (v) 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$71.75 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/5/2018 and Expiration Date of 1/5/2027.

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