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**BankFinancial Corporation Reports Financial Results for the First Quarter 2012 and Will Host a Conference Call and Webcast on May 8, 2012**

**Burr Ridge, Illinois** - (May 7, 2012) BankFinancial Corporation (Nasdaq – BFIN) (“BankFinancial”) announced that it filed its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 on Monday, May 7, 2012. BankFinancial will file its Quarterly Financial and Statistical Supplement on Form 8-K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) today. BankFinancial reported net income of \$2.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012, compared to a net loss of \$777,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2011, due in substantial part to increased net interest income, lower provisions for loan losses and lower noninterest expense. Income per share of common stock for the three months ended March 31, 2012 was \$0.12 per basic and fully diluted share, respectively, compared to a loss of \$0.04 per basic and fully diluted share, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

At March 31, 2012, BankFinancial had total assets of \$1.549 billion, total loans of \$1.178 billion, total deposits of \$1.321 billion and stockholders’ equity of \$202 million.

The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the Quarterly Financial and Statistical Supplement will be available today on BankFinancial’s website, [www.bankfinancial.com](http://www.bankfinancial.com) on the “Stockholder Information” page, and through the EDGAR database on the SEC’s website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The Quarterly Financial and Statistical Supplement includes comparative GAAP and non-GAAP performance data and financial measures for the most recent five quarters.

BankFinancial’s management will review first quarter 2012 results in a conference call and webcast for stockholders and analysts on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Chicago Time. The conference call may be accessed by calling (866) 804-6921 and using participant passcode 70957217. The conference call will be simultaneously webcast at [www.bankfinancial.com](http://www.bankfinancial.com), on the “Stockholder Information” page. For those persons unable to participate in the conference call, the webcast will be archived through 5:00 p.m. Chicago, Illinois Time on May 22, 2012 on our website.

BankFinancial Corporation is the holding company for BankFinancial, F.S.B., a full-service, community-oriented bank providing financial services to individuals, families and businesses through 20 full-service banking offices, located in Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties, Illinois. BankFinancial Corporation’s common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol BFIN.

This release includes “forward-looking statements” as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. A variety of factors could cause BankFinancial’s actual results to differ from those expected at the time of this release. For a discussion of some of the factors that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, please refer to BankFinancial’s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC. Investors are urged to review all information contained in these reports, including the risk factors discussed therein. Copies of these filings are available at no cost on the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov> or on BankFinancial’s web site at <http://www.bankfinancial.com>. Forward looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake to update them to reflect changes.

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