FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Kelley Philip M	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2008		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [ CCI ]				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE, SUITE 500			Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)     Director	on(s) to Issue	(Mo	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)      Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
			X Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)			
(Street)			Senior VP, Corp Dev	& Strategy	l '''	,	y One Reporting Person
HOUSTON TX 77057						Form filed b Reporting P	y More than One erson
(City) (State) (Zip)							
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 5)	Direct (D) (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value			140,924	D			
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value			242(1)	I	by 401(K) Plan		
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	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative (	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	(2)	02/01/2010	Common Stock	14,000	31.875	D	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	(3)	02/02/2010	Common Stock	7,500	20.188	D	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	(4)	03/08/2010	Common Stock	1,314	39.75	D	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	(5)	11/15/2010	Common Stock	5,014	30.875	D	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	(6)	12/20/2010	Common Stock	1,865	23.375	D	
Stock Option (right to purchase Common Stock)	(7)	02/22/2011	Common Stock	20,000	24.688	D	
Stock Ontion (right to purchase Common Stock)	(8)	09/25/2011	Common Stock	50,000	8.7	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- 2. Vested 33 1/3% per year over three years with the first vesting on February 1, 2001.
- 3. Vested 33 1/3% per year over three years with the first vesting on February 2, 2001.
- $4. \ Vested \ one-third \ at time \ of \ grant \ March \ 8, 2000, \ with \ the \ remaining \ two-thirds \ vesting \ annually \ in \ an \ equal \ number \ over \ five \ years.$
- $5. \ Vested \ one-third \ at time \ of \ grant \ November \ 15, 2000, \ with \ the \ remaining \ two-thirds \ vesting \ annually \ in \ an \ equal \ number \ over \ five \ years.$
- 6. Vested one-third at time of grant December 20, 2000, with the remaining two-thirds vesting annually in an equal number over five years.
- 7. Vested 33 1/3% per year over three years with the first vesting on February 22, 2002.
- 8. 100% vested immediately on September 25, 2005, following the Company's common stock closing at or above a target price of \$20.00 per share for 20 consecutive trading days.

<u>/s/ Philip M. Kelley</u> 09/09/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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