Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **Zyskind Barry D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

Chairman, President and CEO

[AFSI]

03/05/2017

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director X__ 10% Owner _ Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN

(Street)

(State)

(Zin)

LANE, 43RD FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10038

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities oner Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E and 5) (A) or	0)	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	03/05/2017		Code V M	Amount 125,000 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	13,942,379	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2017		F	60,078 (2)	D	\$ 23.03	13,882,301	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2017		M	29,149 (3)	A	\$0	13,911,450	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2017		F	15,493 (4)	D	\$ 23.03	13,895,957	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	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
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/05/2017		M	125,000	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	125,000
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/05/2017		M	29,149	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	29,149

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Zyskind Barry D C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 59 MAIDEN LANE, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK NY 10038	X	X	Chairman, President and CEO			

Signatures

/s/ Barry

Zyskind 03/06/2017

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Acquisition of common stock resulting from the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Zyskind on March 5, 2014.
- (2) Disposition of common stock resulting from the withholding of securities for the payment of tax liability relating to the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Zyskind on March 5, 2014.

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- (3) Acquisition of common stock resulting from the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Zyskind on March 5, 2016.
- (4) Disposition of common stock resulting from the withholding of securities for the payment of tax liability relating to the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Zyskind on March 5, 2016.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s common stock.
- On March 5, 2014, Mr. Zyskind received restricted stock units subject to a four-year vesting schedule, vesting one-fourth on each of the **(6)** first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
- On March 5, 2016, Mr. Zyskind received restricted stock units subject to a four-year vesting schedule, vesting one-fourth on each of the (7) first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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