STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FORD RICHARD F Issuer Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title 800 SOUTH HANLEY, #1D 04/23/2010 (Street) 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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

| (City) | (State) (2 | Table | I - Non-De | erivative Securities Ac | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | | 3. | 4. Securities | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| Security (Instr. 3) | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | Code | nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code V | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | Couc , | Timount (B) Trice | 14,980 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 450 | I | by Spouse |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Securities | ve l | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------|------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (A) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 04/23/2010 | | A | 2,519 | | <u>(1)</u> | (2) | Common Stock | 2,519 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 8.7 | | | | | | (3) | 01/30/2013 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 13.89 | | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | 02/03/2014 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 20.22 | | | | | | (5) | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 38.25 | | | | | | <u>(6)</u> | 01/03/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | (7) | | | | | | <u>(8)</u> | <u>(9)</u> | Common Stock | 3,999 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Transfer and the same and the s | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| FORD RICHARD F | | | | | | |
| 800 SOUTH HANLEY, #1D | X | | | | | |
| ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | | | | | | |

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Signatures

By: David M. Minnick For: Richard F. Ford 04/27/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- * 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).

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- (1) Units vest quarterly over a one year period.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.
- (3) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/04, 1/3/05, 1/3/06, 1/3/07 and 1/3/08.
- (4) Options vest in 20% increments yearly from the grant date.
- (5) Options vest in 20 percent increments on 1/3/06, 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09 and 1/3/10.
- (6) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09, 1/3/10 and 1/3/11.
- (7) Various exercise prices.
- (8) Various exercisable dates.
- (9) Various expiration dates.

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