

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 19, 2012**

**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation  
or organization)

**1-13991**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3974868**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**350 Park Avenue, 20th Floor**  
**New York, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10022**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 207-6400**

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**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

*(e) Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between MFA Financial, Inc. and Ronald A. Freyberg*

On December 19, 2012, MFA Financial, Inc. (the Company ) entered into Amendment No. 1 (the Amendment ) to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2011 (the Employment Agreement ), between the Company and Ronald A. Freyberg, an Executive Vice President of the Company.

The Amendment extends Mr. Freyberg's term of employment under the Employment Agreement through December 31, 2013, and amends certain other provisions of the Employment Agreement to reflect the extension of such term.

A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1. The above description of the principal terms of the Amendment is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibit 10.1 hereto, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02. Except as provided in the Amendment, all other terms and provisions of the Employment Agreement remain unchanged. A copy of the Employment Agreement may be found as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 7, 2011.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.  
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Harold E. Schwartz  
Name: Harold E. Schwartz  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel

Date: December 20, 2012

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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