

ROBARDS THOMAS F  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ROBARDS THOMAS F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
53 FOREST AVE  
(Street)  
OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/12/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	(D)

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. I
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Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
LTIP Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	09/12/2012		A		1,782		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common shares representing ltd liability company interests	1,782

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBARDS THOMAS F 53 FOREST AVE OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870			X	

## Signatures

/s/ Sara Walden Brown, attorney-in-fact for Thomas F. Robards 09/13/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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).
- Represents a separate non-voting class of limited liability company interests ("LTIP Units") of Ellington Financial LLC (the "Company"),
- (1) which are structured as profits interests. The LTIP Units were issued pursuant to, and are subject to the terms and conditions of, the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Plan for Individuals.
  - (2) The 1,782 LTIP Units remain forfeitable, subject to the reporting person's continued service as a member of the board of directors of the Company, until September 11, 2013. After the applicable forfeiture restrictions lapse, the LTIP Units may be converted at the election of the holder, into common shares representing limited liability interests of the Company ("Common Shares") on a one-for-one basis. The rights to convert LTIP Units into Common Shares do not have expiration dates.

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