Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.

Form 4

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Zyskind Barry D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	Amtrust Financial Services, Inc. [AFSI]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2014	_X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO		

LANE, 43RD FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10038

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - No	on-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securitin(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	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	01/09/2014		G	V	26,188	. ,	\$ 0	7,304,452	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2014		G	V	19,638	A	\$ 0	129,638	I	By reporting person as UTMA custodian for children
Common Stock	02/26/2014		G(1)	V	4,148	D	\$0	7,300,304	D	

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Common Stock	02/26/2014	G	V	4,148	A	\$0	391,617	I	By trust
Common Stock	03/04/2014	G	V	10,000	D	\$0	140,782	I	By Charitable Foundation

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)	0)		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	(3)	03/05/2014		A	250,000	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	250,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Barry
Zyskind 03/07/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Mr. Zyskind gifted these shares into a trust for which he has investment control and holds an indirect pecuniary interest.
- (2) Shares held by Teferes Foundation, a charitable foundation controlled by Mr. Zyskind.
- (3) 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 representing 250,000 shares subject to a four-year vesting schedule,
- (4) vesting 25% on the 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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