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

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See Instruction 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 BURKEMPER BERNARD N Issuer Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify 8 MERGANSER CT 03/15/2006 below) below) Controller (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 OLD MONROE, MO 63369 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired Execution Date, if any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)				d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M	2,334	A	\$ 7.8281	20,452	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		F	1,075	D	\$ 38.92	19,377	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S	925	D	\$ 38.92	18,452	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S	334	D	\$ 38.99	18,118	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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 7.8281	03/15/2006		M	2,334	<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	2,334
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,566
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 7.8					<u>(5)</u>	01/02/2012	Common Stock	2,667

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURKEMPER BERNARD N 8 MERGANSER CT OLD MONROE, MO 63369

Controller

Signatures

BERNARD N BURKEMPER 03/16/2006

**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) Currently exercisable.
- (2) Various expiration dates.
- (3) Units vest in 33 1/3% increments over a three year period.
- (4) No expiration date for these Units.
- (5) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/2/03, 1/2/04, 1/2/05, 1/2/06 and 1/2/07.

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