

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
FORD RICHARD F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

800 SOUTH HANLEY, #1D

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/19/2011

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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/19/2011 | | M | 2,926 A | \$ 0 17,906 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 450 | I | by Spouse |

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)

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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. Transaction 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) | 8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 01/19/2011 | | M | 2,926 | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 2,926 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 13.89 | | | | | (3) | 02/03/2014 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 20.22 | | | | | (4) | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 38.25 | | | | | (5) | 01/03/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | (6) | | | | | (7) | (8) | Common Stock | 3,999 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

By: David M. Minnisk For: Richard F. Ford 01/20/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 yearly from the grant date.
- (4) Options vest in 20 percent increments on 1/3/06, 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09 and 1/3/10.
- (5) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09, 1/3/10 and 1/3/11.
- (6) Various exercise prices.
- (7) Various exercisable dates.
- (8) Various expiration dates.

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