MFA FINANCIAL, INC.

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**SECURITIES** 

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA] À Kristjansson Gudmundur (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O MFA FINANCIAL. (Check all applicable) INC., 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR 10% Owner Director (Street) \_X\_\_ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Senior Vice President \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person NEW YORK,, NYÂ 10022 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 81,991 Â D PER SHARE 7.5% Series B Cumulative Redeemable D Â 2,250 Preferred Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	,	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Shares	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	35,000	\$ (2)	D	Â
Phantom Shares	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	17,500	\$ (2)	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Kristjansson Gudmundur C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK Â NYÂ 10022	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â		

# **Signatures**

/s/Gudmundur
Kristjansson

\*\*Signature of Reporting

Date

Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These phantom shares are scheduled to vest, subject to forfeiture, on December 31, 2014, and thereafter will be settled in an equivalent number of shares of MFA common stock on the earlier of termination of service with MFA or January 4, 2016.
- (2) Each phantom share represents the right to receive one share of MFA Financial, Inc. common stock.
- These phantom shares are scheduled to vest subject to forfeiture, on December 31, 2014 (subject to MFA's achievement of specified (3) performance goals), and thereafter will be settled in an equivalent number of shares of MFA common stock on the earlier of termination of service with MFA or January 4, 2016.

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