

FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC
 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 *
 ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC
 [FF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

3601 C STREET, STE 600

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

ANCHORAGE, AK 99503

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/12/2005		S	3,000 D \$ 18.63	1,705,000	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	07/12/2005		S	3,200 D \$ 18.65	1,701,800 ⁽²⁾	D ⁽¹⁾	

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)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes rows for ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B, HOREJSI STEWART R, and CICIORA SUSAN L.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationships include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Lists ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B, HOREJSI STEWART R, and CICIORA SUSAN L.

Signatures

Stephen C. Miller, President, Badlands Trust Company, LLC, trustee of the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B 07/14/2005
Stewart R. Horejsi 07/14/2005
Susan L. Ciciora 07/14/2005

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) The trustees of the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B (the "Ernest Trust") are Badlands Trust Company ("Badlands"), Susan L. Ciciora and Larry Dunlap.

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held by the Ernest Trust. Accordingly, Badlands, Ms. Ciciora and Mr. Dunlap disclaim beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the Ernest Trust. In addition to serving as a trustee, Ms. Ciciora is also a beneficiary of the Ernest Trust. As a result of his advisory role with the Ernest Trust, Stewart R. Horejsi may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially owned by the Ernest Trust. However, Mr. Horejsi disclaims such beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially held by the Ernest Trust.

- (2) Trusts affiliated with the Ernest Trust, including the Lola Brown Trust No. 1B, the Mildred B. Horejsi Trust, the Susan L. Ciciora Trust, and the Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2, own an aggregate of 9,030,200 Shares of the Fund following these transactions.

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