

Vranos Michael W  
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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 \*  
 Vranos Michael W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 53 FOREST AVENUE  
 (Street)

OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/11/2018

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)  
 Co-Chief Investment Officer

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common Shares                   | 05/11/2018                           |  | P                              |   | 63,960  | A  | \$ 15.8<br><u>(1)</u>                      |
| Common Shares                   | 05/14/2018                           |  | P                              |   | 15,835  | A  | \$<br><u>(2)</u>                           |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 1,264,011                                  |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 1,024,079                                  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | I  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | I  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | See footnote <u>(3)</u>                    |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | See Footnote <u>(4)</u>                    |

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Common Shares 177,474 I In Trust <sup>(5)</sup>

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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Vranos Michael W<br>53 FOREST AVENUE<br>OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870 | X             | X         | Co-Chief Investment Officer |       |

Signatures

/s/ Jason S. Frank, attorney-in-fact for Michael W. Vranos 05/15/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$15.74 to \$15.83. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$15.95 to \$15.99. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of

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the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

- (3) Mr. Vranos is the managing member of an entity that holds these shares for estate planning purposes.

These common shares are owned directly by EMGH. VC Investments LLC ("VC") is the general partner of EMGH. Michael W. Vranos is the managing member of, and holds a controlling interest in, VC. Michael W. Vranos and VC together share the power to direct the

- (4) voting and disposition of common shares held by EMGH, and may be regarded as the beneficial owners of the common shares. Each of Michael W. Vranos and VC disclaims beneficial ownership of any common shares owned beneficially or of record by each other except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.

- (5) Common Shares are held in family trusts for the benefit of certain EMGH partners (other than Mr. Vranos) for which Mr. Vranos acts as trustee.

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