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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue.

See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Minnick David M | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| (I a) (F) (AFIII) | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| 12609 CONWAY ROAD | 01/20/2010 | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | |
| | | General Counsel & Senior VP | | | |
| (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 | | | |
| CREVE COEUR, MO 63141 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
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| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|-----------|------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2010 | | M | 1,203 | A | \$ 0 | 6,261 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2010 | | F | 465 | D | \$ 54.89 | 5,796 | 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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number to for Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | 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 |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 01/20/2010 | | M | 1. | ,203 | <u>(1)</u> | (2) | Common Stock | 1,203 |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 19.5 | | | | | | (3) | 10/25/2014 | Common Stock | 4,500 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Minnick David M

12609 CONWAY ROAD General Counsel & Senior VP

CREVE COEUR, MO 63141

Signatures

DAVID MICHAEL MINNICK 01/21/2010

**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) Units vest 100% three years from the grant date.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.
- (3) Stock Options vest in 20 percent increments over five years.

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