Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. Form SC 13G June 15, 2015

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

## SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value (Title of Class of Securities)

963025101

(CUSIP Number)

June 4, 2015 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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"Rule 13d-1(b)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONSI.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

EJF Capital LLC

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) x (b) o
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

3,348,943(1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**REPORTING** 

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

3,348,943(1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,348,943(1)

- 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) o
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.2%(1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Emanuel J. Friedman

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**United States** 

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EJF Financial Services Fund, LP

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Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

**SHARES** 

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

**OWNED BY** 

3,125,000

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**REPORTING** 

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

3,125,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,125,000

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5.7% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

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EJF Financial Services GP, LLC

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- 3 SEC USE ONLY
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Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

**SHARES** 

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

**OWNED BY** 

3,125,000

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**REPORTING** 

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

3,125,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,125,000

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5.7% (1)

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EJF Income Fund, LP

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- 3 SEC USE ONLY
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Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

**SHARES** 

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

**OWNED BY** 

223,943(1)

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

**REPORTING** 

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

223,943(1)

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

223,943(1)

- 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) o
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.4%(1)

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Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER SHARES

TILLS

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY