

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 12, 2016

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 2)

Southern First Bancshares, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

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

842873101  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2015  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.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)   
(b)

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

533,274

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH

533,274

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

533,274

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

8.5% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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(1) Based on 6,289,000 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2015, as disclosed in the Issuer's  
Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 26, 2016.

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Emanuel J. Friedman

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Cayman Islands

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer

Southern First Bancshares, Inc.

Item 1. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100  
Greenville, SC 29606

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing

This Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of the following persons (the "Reporting Persons")\*:

- (i) EJV Capital LLC;
- (ii) Emanuel J. Friedman;
- (iii) EJV Financial Services Fund, LP (the "Financial Services Fund");
- (iv) EJV Financial Services GP, LLC;
- (v) EJV Financial Opportunities Master Fund, L.P. (the "Financial Opportunities Fund"); and
- (vi) EJV Financial Opportunities GP, LLC.

\*Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of an agreement among the Reporting Persons that this Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of each of them.

Item 2. (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence

The address of the principal business office of each Reporting Person is:

2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

Item 2. (c) Citizenship

See Item 4 of the attached cover pages.

Item 2. (d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value ("Common Stock")

Item 2. (e) CUSIP Number

842873101

Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Ownership



(a) Amount beneficially owned:

See Item 9 of the attached cover pages.

(b) Percent of class:

See Item 11 of the attached cover pages.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Item 5 of the attached cover pages.

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Item 6 of the attached cover pages.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition:

See Item 7 of the attached cover pages.

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition:

See Item 8 of the attached cover pages.

The Financial Services Fund is the record owner of the shares of Common Stock shown on item 9 of its respective cover page.

EJF Financial Services GP, LLC is the general partner of the Financial Services Fund and an investment manager of certain affiliates thereof and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which the Financial Services Fund is the record owner.

The Financial Opportunities Fund was the record owner of the shares of Common Stock previously reported by it on a schedule 13G/A filed on February 13, 2015, but no longer owns such shares of Common Stock.

EJF Financial Opportunities GP, LLC serves as the general partner of the Financial Opportunities Fund and may be deemed to have shared beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which the Financial Opportunities Fund was the record owner.

EJF Capital LLC is the sole member of each of EJF Financial Services GP, LLC and EJF Financial Opportunities GP, LLC, and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which such entities may share beneficial ownership. EJF Capital LLC also serves as the investment manager of the Financial Opportunities Fund and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which the Financial Opportunities Fund is the record owner. Emanuel J. Friedman is the controlling member of EJF Capital LLC and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock over which EJF Capital LLC may share beneficial ownership.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

As of the date hereof, the Financial Opportunities Fund and EJV Financial Opportunities GP, LLC have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

See Item 4.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 12, 2016

EJF CAPITAL LLC

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EMANUEL J. FRIEDMAN

By: /s/ Emanuel J. Friedman  
Name: Emanuel J. Friedman

EJF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
FUND, LP

By: EJF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
Its: GP, LLC  
General Partner

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF FINANCIAL SERVICES GP,  
LLC

By: EJF CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJF FINANCIAL  
OPPORTUNITIES MASTER

FUND, LP

By: EJV FINANCIAL  
Its: OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC  
General Partner

By: EJV CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

EJV FINANCIAL  
OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC

By: EJV CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

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EXHIBIT A

The undersigned, EJV Capital LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Emanuel J. Friedman, EJV Financial Services Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, EJV Financial Services GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, EJV Financial Opportunities Master Fund, LP, an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, and EJV Financial Opportunities GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, hereby agree and acknowledge that the information required by this Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13G, to which this Agreement is attached as an exhibit, is filed on behalf of each of them. The undersigned further agree that any further amendments or supplements thereto shall also be filed on behalf of each of them.

Dated: February 12, 2016

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