

Nesi Victor
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Nesi Victor

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1545 FAIRFIELD BEACH RD
 (Street)

FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2012

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)
 Director

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | V | 90,599 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | V | 4,088 | I | by Trust |

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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/14/2012 | | A | 10,928 | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 10,928 |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/14/2012 | | A | 2,732 | (3) | (2) | Common Stock | 2,732 |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/14/2012 | | A | 10,929 | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 10,929 |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/14/2012 | | A | 27,322 | (4) | (2) | Common Stock | 27,322 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nesi Victor 1545 FAIRFIELD BEACH RD FAIRFIELD, CT 06824 | X | | Director | |

Signatures

VICTOR J
NESI

02/16/2012

**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 in 20% increments over a five year period.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.
- (3) Units vest 100% five years from the grant date.

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(4) Units vest in equal yearly increments over a ten year period. This vesting may be accelerated based on the Company's performance.

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