

BLANK STEPHEN R  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
BLANK STEPHEN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350  
PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/05/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or Price (D)   |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/05/2011                           |  | P                              |   | 100 A \$ 7.32   | 23,818   | I By Jordan Alexis Irving 2005 Trust                  |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/05/2011                           |  | P                              |   | 100 A \$ 7.31   | 23,918   | I By Tyler Jaeger Irving 2005 Trust                   |
| Common Stock, par                        | 08/05/2011                           |  | P                              |   | 1,000 A \$ 7.3  | 24,918   | I By Adele Blank                                      |

|  |            |  |   |     |   |            |        |   |   |
|--|------------|--|---|-----|---|------------|--------|---|---|
| value<br>\$0.01 per<br>share                         |            |  |   |     |   |            |        |   | Charitable<br>Lead Trust<br>U/A<br>01/01/2007                           |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.01 per<br>share | 08/05/2011 |  | P | 500 | A | \$<br>7.29 | 25,418 | I | By<br>Oppenheimer<br>& Co.<br>Custodian for<br>Stephen Blank<br>IRA R/O |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.01 per<br>share | 08/05/2011 |  | P | 500 | A | \$<br>7.29 | 25,918 | I | By<br>Oppenheimer<br>& Co.<br>Custodian for<br>Marsha Blank<br>IRA R/O  |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|  |  |  |  | Code | V (A) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|--|--|--|--|------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BLANK STEPHEN R<br>C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC.<br>350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR | X             |           |         |       |

NEW YORK, NY 10022

## Signatures

/s/Shira E. Finkel,  
Attorney-In-Fact

08/08/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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