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Form 5 obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b).	-	a) of the F	Public U		ling Com	pany Act	nge Act of 1934, of 1935 or Secti 940			
(Print or Type Respon	ises)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> ROBARDS THOMAS F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]			-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)			
53 FOREST AVE			(Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2011				X Director Officer (giv below)		% Owner her (specify	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person				
OLD GREENWI	CH, CT 068	870					Form filed by Person	More than One R	leporting	
(City) (S	State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
	nsaction Date th/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	Transaction Code	Disposed c (Instr. 3, 4	A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Reminder: Report on	a separate line	for each cla	ass of secu	urities benefi	icially own	ed directly o	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	:
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities]
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Ş
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired			(

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	Derivative Security				(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	09/15/2011	A		1,250		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common shares representing ltd liability company interests	1,250	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addi	Relationships								
r o		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ROBARDS THOMAS F 53 FOREST AVE OLD GREENWICH, CT 06	870	Х							
Signatures									
Sara Walden Brown	09/19	9/2011							

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Represents a separate non-voting class of limited liability company interests ("LTIP Units") of Ellington Financial LLC (the "Company"),
 (1) which are structured as profits interests. The LTIP Units were issued pursuant to, and are subject to the terms and conditions of, the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Plan for Individuals.

The 1,250 LTIP Units remain forfeitable, subject to the reporting person's continued service as a member of the board of directors of the(2) Company, until September 14, 2012. Once vested, the LTIP Units may be converted at the election of the holder, into common shares representing limited liability interests of the Company on a one-for-one basis.

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