

Smernoff Chris  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Smernoff Chris		(Month/Day/Year)	Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/30/2018	
53 FOREST AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
OLD			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
GREENWICH,Â CTÂ 06870			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			Chief Accounting Officer	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			
		Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

LTIP Units <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	Common shares rep. limited liability company interests	12,881	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	Â
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smernoff Chris 53 FOREST AVENUE OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870	Â	Â	Â Chief Accounting Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Jason Frank, as attorney-in-fact for Christopher Smernoff 04/02/2018

Signature of Reporting Person
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Represents a separate non-voting class of limited liability company interests ("LTIP Units") of Ellington Financial LLC (the "Company"), which are structured as profits interests.
  - (2) 10,235 of the LTIP Units have vested. 2,646 LTIP Units remain forfeitable, subject to the reporting person's continued service as an officer of the Issuer, until December 12, 2018.
- The LTIP Units may be converted upon vesting, at the election of the holder, into common shares representing limited liability company interests of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis. The LTIP Units were issued pursuant to, and are subject to the terms and conditions of, the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Plan for Individuals or the Issuer's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as applicable. The right to convert LTIP Units into common shares representing limited liability company interests does not have an expiration date.

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**Remarks:**  
 Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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