

DOWNEY FINANCIAL CORP  
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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 \*  
**MCQUARRIE BRENT**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DOWNEY FINANCIAL CORP [DSL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**3323 NO. COTTONWOOD LANE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/22/2007**

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

**PROVO, UT 84604**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 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                    | 02/22/2007                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,700 D \$ 0  | 347,255   | I  | By McQuarrie Family Trust, Next Generation Ltd., Four Jays, Ltd., By Self & Spouse in IRA |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2007                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,337 D \$ 0  | 344,918 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By McQuarrie  |



## 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).

The reporting person is the General Partner of Four Jays, Ltd. and the transactions represent a capital distribution of shares to his two sons

(1) who are limited partners. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) Reporting person holds shares directly and indirectly.

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