STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORD RICHARD F	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
800 SOUTH HANLEY, #1D	(Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(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			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/09/2009		M	1,999	A	\$ 5.3125	14,155	D		
Common Stock	12/09/2009		F	197	D	\$ 53.67	13,958	D		
Common Stock	12/09/2009		S	1,802	D	\$ 53.67	12,156	D		
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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 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. Transa Code (Instr.		Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 5.3125	12/09/2009		M			1,999	<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,999
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0							(2)	(3)	Common Stock	15,903
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 8.7							<u>(4)</u>	01/30/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 13.89							<u>(5)</u>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 20.22							<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2015	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 38.25							<u>(7)</u>	01/03/2016	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	(8)							<u>(9)</u>	(10)	Common Stock	3,999

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FORD RICHARD F 800 SOUTH HANLEY, #1D X ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

By: David M. Minnick For: Richard F. Ford

**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) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/2/03, 1/2/04, 1/2/05, 1/2/06 and 1/2/07.
- (2) Units vest quarterly over a one year period.
- (3) No expiration date for these Units.
- (4) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/04, 1/3/05, 1/3/06, 1/3/07 and 1/3/08.
- (5) Options vest in 20% increments yearly from the grant date.
- (6) Options vest in 20 percent increments on 1/3/06, 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09 and 1/3/10.
- (7) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09, 1/3/10 and 1/3/11.
- (8) Various exercise prices.
- (9) Various exercisable dates.
- (10) Various expiration dates.

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