

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Wulfsohn Bryan
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2015

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

C/O MFA FINANCIAL,
 INC., 350 PARK AVENUE,
 20TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 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)
COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE	35,352	D	^
7.5% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock	0	D	^

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)

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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		
Phantom Shares	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	26,250 \$ (2)	D	Â
Phantom Shares	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	15,000 \$ (2)	D	Â
Phantom Shares	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	15,000 \$ (2)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wulfsohn Bryan C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK,, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

Signatures

/s/Bryan
Wulfsohn

01/12/2015

**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) These phantom shares vested on December 31, 2014, and will be settled in an equivalent number of shares of MFA common stock on the earlier of termination of service with MFA or January 4, 2016.
- (2) Each phantom share represents the right to receive one share of MFA Financial, Inc. common stock.
- (3) These phantom shares are scheduled to vest, subject to forfeiture, on December 31, 2016, and thereafter will be settled in an equivalent number of shares of MFA common stock within 15 days following the vesting date.

These phantom shares are performance-based equity awards. The number of phantom shares reported represents the target number of phantom shares granted. The number of underlying shares of MFA common stock that vest and that the recipient becomes entitled to receive at the time of vesting will generally range from 0% to 200% of the target number of phantom shares granted, subject to the achievement of a pre-established performance metric. The vesting of these phantom shares will generally occur on December 31, 2016, based on MFA's total stockholder return for the three years then ended. The number of phantom shares to vest will be adjusted to reflect the value of any dividends paid on MFA common stock during the vesting period in respect of the number of phantom shares that ultimately vest. The phantom shares will be settled in an equivalent number of shares of MFA common stock within 30 days following the vesting date.

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