

FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC  
[FF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/13/2006

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

3301 C STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ANCHORAGE, AK 99503

(City) (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/13/2006		S		15,000	D	\$ 16.01
Common Stock	03/13/2006		S		18,000	D	\$ 16.02
Common Stock	03/13/2006		S		2,800	D	\$ 16
Common Stock	03/13/2006		S		5,000	D	\$ 16.06
Common Stock	03/13/2006		S		2,000	D	\$ 16.1

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Common Stock	03/13/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 16.15	1,469,027	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/13/2006	S	300	D	\$ 16.17	1,468,727	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/13/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 16.16	1,467,627	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/14/2006	S	4,000	D	\$ 16.05	1,463,627	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/14/2006	S	4,000	D	\$ 16.04	1,459,627	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/14/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 16.12	1,454,627 <sup>(2)</sup>	D <sup>(1)</sup>

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B 3301 C STREET ANCHORAGE, AK 99503		X		
HOREJSI STEWART R 200 SOUTH SANTA FE		X		

SALINA, KS 67401

CICIORA SUSAN L

1680 38TH STREET, STE 800 X  
BOULDER, CO 80301

## Signatures

Stephen C. Miller, President, Badlands Trust Company, LLC, trustee of the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B

03/15/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Stewart R. Horejsi

03/15/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Susan L. Ciciora

03/15/2006

\_\_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) The trustees of the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B (the "Ernest Trust") are Badlands Trust Company LLC ("Badlands"), Susan L. Ciciora and Larry Dunlap. Such trustees may be deemed to control the Ernest Trust and may be deemed to possess indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares held by the Ernest Trust. However, none of the trustees, acting alone, can vote or exercise dispositive authority over Shares held by the Ernest Trust. Accordingly, Badlands, Ms. Ciciora and Mr. Dunlap disclaim beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the Ernest Trust. In addition to serving as a trustee, Ms. Ciciora is also a beneficiary of the Ernest Trust. As a result of his advisory role with the Ernest Trust, Stewart R. Horejsi may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially owned by the Ernest Trust. However, Mr. Horejsi disclaims such beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially held by the Ernest Trust.

(2) Trusts affiliated with the Ernest Trust, including the Lola Brown Trust No. 1B, the Mildred B. Horejsi Trust, the Susan L. Ciciora Trust, and the Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2, own an aggregate of 10,818,967 Shares of the Fund following these transactions.

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