MFA FINANCIAL, INC.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KRAUSS GEORGE H		ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) t Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR			05/31/2012	Officer (give title Other (special below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NEW YORK, NY 10022			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		

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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/31/2012		A	17,343	A	\$ 7.62	65,773	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KRAUSS GEORGE H C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022



Signatures

/s/Shira Finkel, Attorney-In-Fact

06/01/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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