#### ZIMMERMAN STEWART

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ZIMMERMAN STEWART Issuer Symbol MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350 12/14/2012 below) PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR Chairman and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities A	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	•	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	12/14/2012		A	92,025	A \$0	782,417	D	

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	1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Officer Other Director 10% Owner

ZIMMERMAN STEWART C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

X Chairman and CEO

# **Signatures**

Stewart

Zimmerman 12/19/2012

\*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

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