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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 * BLANK STEPHEN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/31/2011

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR

(State)

(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10022

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

Stock, par value \$0.01

05/31/2011

3.750 Α \$0 23,718

D

per share

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BLANK STEPHEN R C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022



Signatures

/s/Timothy W. Korth, Attorney-In-Fact

06/01/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).

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