

Minnick David M
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Minnick David M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 12609 CONWAY ROAD
 (Street)

CREVE COEUR, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 General Counsel & Senior VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Filing Date |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---|----------------|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 6) | (Instr. 7) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 9) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/17/2006 | A | | 588 | | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 588 | |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/17/2006 | A | | 147 | | 02/17/2009 | (2) | Common Stock | 147 | |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/17/2006 | A | | 664 | | (3) | (2) | Common Stock | 664 | |
| Stock Option (Option to Buy) | \$ 19.5 | | | | | | (4) | 10/25/2014 | Common Stock | 3,000 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Minnick David M
12609 CONWAY ROAD
CREVE COEUR, MO 63141

General Counsel & Senior VP

Signatures

DAVID MICHAEL
MINNICK

02/21/2006

**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) Units vest in 33 1/3% increments over a three year period.

(2) No expiration date for these Units.

(3) Units vest in 20% increments over a five year period.

(4) Stock Options vest in 20 percent increments over five years.

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