OATES JAMES M

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * OATES JAMES M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]				C	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) 534 LAKE S BOX 250	(First) (SHORE ROAD,	Middle) P.O.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2010			_X_ Director Officer (give below)				
ELKINS, N	(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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	Person uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d 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	02/08/2010			M	300	A	\$ 13.48	67,979	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2010			M	300	A	\$ 25.5	68,279	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 6. Date Exerce Domf Expiration D Derivative (Month/Day/ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 13.48	02/08/2010		M	300	<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2015	Common Stock	300	
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 25.5	02/08/2010		M	300	(2)	01/03/2016	Common Stock	300	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	13,488	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Topolong of the Fund of Fundament	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
OATES JAMES M 534 LAKE SHORE ROAD P.O. BOX 250 ELKINS, NH 03233	X					

Signatures

By: David M. Minnick For: James M. 02/10/2010 Oates

**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).
- (1) Options vest in 20 percent increments on 1/3/06, 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09 and 1/3/10.

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- (2) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09, 1/3/10 and 1/3/11.
- (3) Currently exercisable.
- (4) No expiration date for these Units.

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