STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HIMELFARB RICHARD J Issuer Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 116 TAPLOW ROAD 12/21/2007 below) below) Director (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting **BALTO, MD 21212** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 12/21/2007 M 20,000 Α \$0 110,000 D Stock

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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	12/21/2007	M	20,000	<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	20,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·r· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HIMELFARB RICHARD J							
116 TAPLOW ROAD	X		Director				
BALTO, MD 21212							

Signatures

RICHARD HIMELFARB

01/16/2008 Date

**Signature of Reporting
Person

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 from the date of the grant.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.

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