

ZIMMERMAN STEWART  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ZIMMERMAN STEWART

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350  
PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/05/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

(Street)  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

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 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/05/2009		P		7,000 A \$ 6.1	308,077	I 401(K) Plan
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/05/2009		M		30,770 A \$ 4.875	338,847	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/05/2009		M		69,230 A \$ 4.875	408,077	D

Common  
 Stock, par  
 value \$0.01 05/05/2009 F 60,612 D \$ 6.12 347,465 D  
 per share  
 (1)

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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)
Stock Option	\$ 4.875	05/05/2009		M	100,000	08/13/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/13/2009	Common Stock 100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZIMMERMAN STEWART C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Stewart  
 Zimmerman 05/05/2009

\*\*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) Shares delivered or withheld to pay the exercise price for 69,230 exercised stock options and certain related withholding taxes.
- (2) Stock option was exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date exercisable set forth in column 6 above.

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