

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**FORD RICHARD F**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

800 SOUTH HANLEY, #1D

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/12/2010**

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/12/2010		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 1,999 A \$ 5.5625	16,979	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2010		S	1,792 D \$ 53.8	15,187	D	
Common Stock	11/12/2010		F	207 D \$ 53.8	14,980	D	
Common Stock					450	I	by Spouse

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 5.5625	11/12/2010		M	1,999	<u>(1)</u> 01/30/2013	Common Stock	1,999
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					<u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	15,598
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 13.89					<u>(4)</u> 02/03/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 20.22					<u>(5)</u> 01/03/2015	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 38.25					<u>(6)</u> 01/03/2016	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	<u>(7)</u>					<u>(8)</u> <u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	3,999

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

FORD RICHARD F  
800 SOUTH HANLEY, #1D X  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

## Signatures

By: David M. Minnick For: Richard F. Ford 11/15/2010

\_\_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) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/04, 1/3/05, 1/3/06, 1/3/07 and 1/3/08.
- (2) Units vest quarterly over a one year period.
- (3) No expiration date for these Units.
- (4) Options vest in 20% increments yearly from the grant date.
- (5) Options vest in 20 percent increments on 1/3/06, 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09 and 1/3/10.
- (6) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09, 1/3/10 and 1/3/11.
- (7) Various exercise prices.
- (8) Various exercisable dates.
- (9) Various expiration dates.

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