

BLANK STEPHEN R

Form 4

June 14, 2018

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BLANK STEPHEN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350
PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR**

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/13/2018

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)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 06/13/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 8,206 | A | \$ 7.74 |
| | | | | | | | 53,727 |
| | | | | | | | D |

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) | 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. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Shares | (2) | 06/13/2018 | | M(2) | 8,206 | 06/13/2018 | 06/13/2018 | Common Stock | 8,206 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| BLANK STEPHEN R C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | X |

Signatures

/s/ Harold E. Schwartz, by power of attorney 06/14/2018

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares acquired pursuant to the settlement of restricted stock units (i.e., phantom stock) granted to the Reporting Person in May 2013.

Settlement of restricted stock units (i.e., phantom stock) granted to the Reporting Person in May 2013. Each phantom share is the
(2) economic equivalent of one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc. Each phantom share was settled in one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc.

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