

BELL STEVEN H
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FORM 4

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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 *
BELL STEVEN H

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 15463 WEST 73RD AVENUE
 (Street)

ARVADA, CO 80007

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Director of a Major Subsidiary

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					40,776	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	02/17/2006		A	667	(1) (2)	Common Stock	667
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	02/17/2006		A	167	02/17/2009 (2)	Common Stock	167
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0	02/17/2006		A	1,328	(3) (2)	Common Stock	1,328
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 7.7813					(4) 01/12/2010	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BELL STEVEN H 15463 WEST 73RD AVENUE ARVADA, CO 80007				Director of a Major Subsidiary

Signatures

By: Forrest M. Smith For: Steven H. Bell 02/21/2006

**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) Units vest in 33 1/3% increments over a three year period.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.
- (3) Units vest in 20% increments over a five year period.

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(4) Stock options vest in 20% increments on 1/12/01, 1/12/02, 1/12/03, 1/12/04 and 1/12/05.

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