

GORIN WILLIAM S
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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 *
GORIN WILLIAM S

(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)

07/10/2012

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)
President

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/10/2012		M		4,125 (1)	A	\$ 0 594,929

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Shares	<u>(1)</u>	07/11/2012		M	4,125 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	COMMON STOCK	8,375
Phantom Shares	<u>(2)</u>	07/11/2012		J	8,250 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	COMMON STOCK	8,250
Phantom Shares	<u>(4)</u>	07/11/2012		A	12,500 <u>(3) (4)</u>	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	COMMON STOCK	12,500
Phantom Shares	<u>(5)</u>	07/11/2012		A	25,000 <u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	COMMON STOCK	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GORIN WILLIAM S C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		President	

Signatures

William S. Gorin 07/12/2012

__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) EACH SHARE OF PHANTOM STOCK IS EQUAL TO THE ECONOMIC EQUIVALENT OF ONE SHARE OF MFA FINANCIAL, INC. COMMON STOCK. EACH VESTED PHANTOM SHARE WAS SETTLED IN ONE SHARE OF COMMON STOCK OF MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
- (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PHANTOM SHARE AWARD AGREEMENT, THE VESTING OF SUCH PHANTOM SHARES WAS SUBJECT TO MFA'S ACHIVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE GOALS OVER A DEFINED PERIOD. SUCH PERFORMANCE MEASURE WAS NOT SATISFIED BY THE VESTING DATE, WHICH RESULTED IN AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE OF SUCH SHARES BACK TO MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
- (3)

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EACH PHANTOM SHARE IS THE ECONOMIC EQUIVALENT OF ONE SHARE OF MFA FINANCIAL, INC. COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE.

- THESE PHANTOM SHARES ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2015. ONE THIRD OF THESE PHANTOM
- (4) SHARES SHALL VEST ON EACH OF JUNE 30, 2013, JUNE 30, 2014, AND JUNE 30, 2015, AND THEREAFTER, ARE PAYABLE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE SUCH PHANTOM SHARES VEST.

- THESE PHANTOM SHARES ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2015. ONE THIRD OF THESE PHANTOM
- (5) SHARES SHALL VEST ON EACH OF JUNE 30, 2013, JUNE 30, 2014, AND JUNE 30, 2015 (SUBJECT, IN EACH CASE, TO MFA'S ACHIEVEMENT OF SEPCIFIED PERFORMANCE GOALS), AND THEREAFTER, ARE PAYABLE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE SUCH PHANTOM SHARES VEST.

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