

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP  
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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 \*  
**BURKEMPER BERNARD N**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8 MERGANSER CT

(Street)

OLD MONROE, MO 63369

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/15/2006**

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)  
 Controller

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M	A	\$ 7.8281	20,452	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		F	D	\$ 38.92	19,377	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S	D	\$ 38.92	18,452	D
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S	D	\$ 38.99	18,118	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)

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)	\$ 7.8281	03/15/2006		M	2,334	(1) (2)	Common Stock	2,334
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					(3) (4)	Common Stock	6,566
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 7.8					(5) 01/02/2012	Common Stock	2,667

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURKEMPER BERNARD N 8 MERGANSER CT OLD MONROE, MO 63369				Controller

## Signatures

BERNARD N  
BURKEMPER  
03/16/2006

\*\*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) Currently exercisable.
- (2) Various expiration dates.
- (3) Units vest in 33 1/3% increments over a three year period.
- (4) No expiration date for these Units.
- (5) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/2/03, 1/2/04, 1/2/05, 1/2/06 and 1/2/07.

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