ZEMLYAK JAMES M

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ZEMLYAK JAMES M	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approach)		
ONE FINANCIAL PLAZA, 501 BROADWAY	(Month/Day/Year) N. 12/30/2008	_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63102-2102	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

							Person		
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								ly 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. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	12/30/2008		G	470	D	\$ 0	266,656	D	
Common Stock	01/20/2009		M	14,340	A	\$ 0	280,996	D	
Common Stock	01/20/2009		F	6,253	D	\$ 37.53	274,743	D	
Common Stock							825	I	by Son

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	erivative Expiration Date ecurities (Month/Day/Year) cquired (A) r Disposed of D) nstr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/20/2009		M	14,340	<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	14,340
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					(3)	(2)	Common Stock	48,035
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 7.8					<u>(4)</u>	01/02/2012	Common Stock	40,001
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 8.6925					<u>(5)</u>	02/10/2013	Common Stock	40,001
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	<u>(6)</u>					<u>(1)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	132,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
ZEMLYAK JAMES M ONE FINANCIAL PLAZA 501 N. BROADWAY ST. LOUIS. MO 63102-2102	X		CHIEF FIN'L & ADMIN OFFCR		

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JAMES M ZEMLYAK

01/21/2009

**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) Various exercisable dates.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.
- (3) Units vest in 20% increments over a five year period.
- (4) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/2/03, 1/2/04, 1/2/05, 1/2/06 and 1/2/07.
- (5) Options vest in 20% increments on 2/10/04, 2/10/05, 2/10/06, 2/10/07 and 2/10/08.
- (6) Various exercise prices.
- (7) Various expiration dates.

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