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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Yarad Stephen D.

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/20/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

(Check all applicable)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O MFA FINANCIAL. INC., Â 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner

Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10022

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

D

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 0

owned directly or indirectly.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative

Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Yarad Stephen D. C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK Â NYÂ 10022	Â	Â	Chief Financial Officer	Â

Signatures

Stephen D.
Yarad

**Signature of Reporting Person

O9/22/2010

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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