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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brodsky James A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

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

06/13/2018

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10022

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of 5. Amount of Indirect Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 06/13/2018 Stock

8,206

94,832

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number omf 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>(2)</u>	06/13/2018	M(2)		8,206	06/13/2018	06/13/2018	Common Stock	8,206

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Brodsky James A C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X					

Signatures

/s/ Harold E. Schwartz, by power of attorney

06/14/2018

**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) Shares acquired pursuant to the settlement of restricted stock units (i.e., phantom stock) granted to the Reporting Person in May 2013.
- Settlement of restricted stock units (i.e., phantom stock) granted to the Reporting Person in May 2013. Each phantom share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc. Each phantom share was settled in one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc.

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