FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
JOSEPHS ROBIN (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR			maria marenas, are. [mm]	X	Director	10% Owner			
		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2011		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
(Street) NEW YORK (City)	NY (State)	10022 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than	rting Person			

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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(111341. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/11/2011		P		6,100	A	\$8.2	34,600	I	By IRA

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	or Exercise Price of Derivative	or Exercise Price of Derivative	or Exercise Price of Derivative	or Exercise Price of Derivative	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)		Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative	derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
														Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/Timothy W. Korth, Attorney-in-

Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

05/13/2011

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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