LEFTON ROBERT E

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(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LEFTON ROBERT E Issuer Symbol STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 61 LADUE ESTATES DRIVE 12/09/2009 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. LOUIS, MO 63141 Person

(City)	(State)	(Z1p)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature o					

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 action(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	Ownership
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/09/2009		M	1,999	A	\$ 5.3125	37,141	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2009		F	197	D	\$ 53.69	36,944	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	orities uired or osed of r. 3, 4,	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
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 5.3125	12/09/2009		M		1,999	<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,999
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0						10/01/2003	10/01/2013	Common Stock	9
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0						01/01/2004	01/01/2014	Common Stock	928
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0						(2)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	16,212
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 8.7						<u>(4)</u>	01/30/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 13.89						<u>(5)</u>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 20.22						<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2015	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 38.25						<u>(7)</u>	01/03/2016	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	<u>(8)</u>						(9)	(10)	Common Stock	3,999

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEFTON ROBERT E
61 LADUE ESTATES DRIVE X
ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Signatures

By: David M. Minnick For: Robert E. Lefton

12/10/2009

**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) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/2/03, 1/2/04, 1/2/05, 1/2/06 and 1/2/07.
- (2) Units vest quarterly over a one year period.
- (3) No expiration date for these Units.
- (4) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/04, 1/3/05, 1/3/06, 1/3/07 and 1/3/08.
- (5) Options vest in 20% increments yearly from the grant date.
- (6) Options vest in 20 percent increments on 1/3/06, 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09 and 1/3/10.
- (7) Options vest in 20% increments on 1/3/07, 1/3/08, 1/3/09, 1/3/10 and 1/3/11.
- (8) Various exercise prices.
- (9) Currently exercisable.
- (10) Various expiration dates.

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