

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

March 19, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**2100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK
ROAD**

(Street)

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]

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

03/17/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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, \$0.15 par value	03/17/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	1,600,000	D \$ 40 1,009,078 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common stock, \$0.15 par value	03/18/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	285,000	D \$ 40 724,078 ⁽²⁾	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Warrants (right to buy)	\$ 36					(3) 06/22/2012	Common stock, \$0.15 par value	481,724

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC 2100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309		X		

Signatures

/s/ Valerie C. Toalson, Chief Financial
Officer 03/19/2008

**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) On March 17, 2008, the reporting person executed a purchase agreement pursuant to which it agreed to sell 1,600,000 shares of the issuer's common stock held by the reporting person in an underwritten public offering of shares of the issuer's common stock. Under the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement, the reporting person also granted the underwriters an option to purchase 285,000 additional shares of the issuer's common stock held by the reporting person. On March 18, 2008, the underwriters exercised this option. The sale of the aggregate of 1,885,000 shares of the issuer's common stock held by the reporting person is expected to close on March 24, 2008.

(2) Includes 481,724 shares of the issuer's common stock that may be purchased by the reporting person at \$36.00 per share pursuant to immediately exercisable warrants.

(3) Warrants are immediately exercisable.

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