

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>Â Clemmens Robert T<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC., Â 500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1600<br>(Street)<br><br>BOSTON, Â MA Â 02116<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>05/14/2008 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>NewStar Financial, Inc. [NEWS] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>Chief Credit Officer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4)       | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 168,043  | D   | Â  |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                             | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1)            | 02/12/2015      | Common Stock | 75,000                     | \$ 7.32  | D                                     | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2)            | 12/13/2016      | Common Stock | 93,822                     | \$ 17    | D                                     | Â |
| Warrant (Right to Buy)      | 06/18/2004       | 06/18/2014      | Common Stock | 3,747                      | \$ 10.9  | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| Clemmens Robert T<br>C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC.<br>500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1600<br>BOSTON, MA 02116 | Â             | Â         | Â Chief Credit Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert T. Clemmens 05/22/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The option will vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments on February 12, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (2) The option vests as follow: 60% vested on December 13, 2006, 10% vested on December 13, 2007, and the remaining 30% will vest in three equal installments on December 13, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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