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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

A Steinborn Edward J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2007

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC [FF]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

75 STATE STREET

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

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One Officer of Investment Advisor Reporting Person

BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

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 (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Amount or Title Number of

Shares

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D)

or Indirect

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Steinborn Edward J 75 STATE STREET BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	Officer of Investment Advisor	Â

Signatures

John E. Bruno -Attorney-in-fact 07/02/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * 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).

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