

SAKS DAVID
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â SAKS DAVID
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,Â 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10038

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Amtrust Financial Services, Inc. [AFSI]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
(give title below) (specify below)
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

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

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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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: Direct (D)

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

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of

				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock option	05/21/2010 ⁽¹⁾	05/21/2019	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 8.99	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAKS DAVID C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10038	Â	Â	Â CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Â

Signatures

/s/ David Saks 05/27/2009
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Stock options vest as follows: 25% of the options granted to the Reporting Person under the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan vest on May 21, 2010. The remaining 75% of the options vest pro rata quarterly over the three-year period following May 21, 2010.

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