FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Stelter Donald F</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BankFinancial CORP [BFIN]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 15W060 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/05/2006								X Officer (give title Officer (specify below) EVP of Affiliate				
(Street) BURR RIDGE IL 60527				4. 1	f Ame	endment, [Date o	f Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(Si	tate)	(Zip)			Person												
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/I					ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Disposed	es Acquire Of (D) (Insti				6. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Indirect	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transactio (Instr. 3 an	nsaction(s)			(iiisu. 4)
Common Stock ⁽²⁾ 09/05					5/2006	2006			A		15,000	A	\$0	15,000		D		
Common Stock													100		I		By daughter	
Common Stock													593.7326		I		By Employee Stock Ownership Plan ⁽³⁾	
Common Stock													16,372.8766			I	By 401k ⁽⁴⁾	
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. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	ed Date,	4. Transa Code (8)	ction	5. Number of		6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Ye		sable and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Options (Rights to Buy)	\$17.62	09/05/2006			A		85,000		(1)		09/05/2011	Common Stock	85,000	\$0	85,000		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock Option Awards granted pursuant to the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan of BankFinancial Corporation vest ratably over five annual installments commencing December 31, 2006
- 2. Stock Awards granted pursuant to the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan of BankFinancial Corporation vest ratably over five annual installments commencing December 31, 2006
- 3. Reflects ESOP allocations and dispositions that occurred since the date of the reporting person?s last ownership report
- 4. The information in this report is based on the 401k report dated September 1, 2006

/s/ F. Morgan Gasior, pursuant to power of attorney

09/07/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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