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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Stewart Thad F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>15W060 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD</u> (Street) <u>BURR RIDGE IL 60527</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BankFinancial CORP [BFIN]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u> EVP & Chief Internal Auditor </u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/05/2006</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/05/2006 | | A | | 15,000 | A | \$0 | 15,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,704.7961 | I | By 401K ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 462.8266 | I | By Employee Stock Ownership Plan ⁽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. 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 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. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock Options (Rights to Buy) | \$17.62 | 09/05/2006 | | A | | 85,000 | | (2) | 09/05/2011 | Common Stock | 85,000 | \$0 | 85,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

/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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