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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Stewart Thad F

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 15W060 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD
 (Street)

BURR RIDGE, IL 60527

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BankFinancial CORP [BFIN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Internal Auditor

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/17/2008		S	V 962 D \$ 11.5183	14,038	D	
Common Stock					3,143.366	I	By 401K ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					2,818.9661	I	By Employee Stock Ownership Plan ⁽²⁾

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Rights to Buy)	\$ 14.82					(3)		09/05/2011		Common Stock	5,500
Stock Options (Rights to Buy)	\$ 17.62					(4)		09/05/2011		Common Stock	85,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stewart Thad F 15W060 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD BURR RIDGE, IL 60527			EVP & Chief Internal Auditor	

Signatures

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

12/19/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The information in this report is based on the 401k report dated December 15, 2008

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- (2) Reflects ESOP allocations that occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report
- (3) Stock Option Awards granted in 2008 pursuant to the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan of BankFinancial Corporation vest immediately upon grant.
- (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan of BankFinancial Corporation vest ratably over five annual installments commencing December 15, 2006

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