

FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
**JACOBSON DEAN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC  
 [FF]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**4747 S LAKESHORE DR, STE 203**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/04/2007**

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

(Street)  
**TEMPE, AZ 85282-7196**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |          |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |          |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/04/2007                           |                                                    | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | V                                                                 | 124                                                                                           | A                                                        | \$ 14.97                          | 1,263.12 | D |

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)**

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| 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JACOBSON DEAN<br>4747 S LAKESHORE DR<br>STE 203<br>TEMPE, AZ 85282-7196 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Dean Jacobson                      01/29/2007  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- The shares listed in Item 4 were acquired as a result of the stock dividend paid by First Financial Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"). In connection with the common stock dividend payable on December 27, 2006, Mr. Jacobson received 124 shares of the Fund. Mr. Jacobson was not notified of the activity in his account until January 25, 2007.

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