

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Clemmens Robert T (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC.,Â 500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1600 (Street)  BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02116 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NewStar Financial, Inc. [NEWS]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Credit Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	168,043	D	Â

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	02/12/2015	Common Stock	75,000	\$ 7.32	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	12/13/2016	Common Stock	93,822	\$ 17	D	Â
Warrant (Right to Buy)	06/18/2004	06/18/2014	Common Stock	3,747	\$ 10.9	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Clemmens Robert T C/O NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC. 500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE 1600 BOSTON, MA 02116	Â	Â	Â Chief Credit Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Robert T. Clemmens 05/22/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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) The option will vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments on February 12, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (2) The option vests as follow: 60% vested on December 13, 2006, 10% vested on December 13, 2007, and the remaining 30% will vest in three equal installments on December 13, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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