

ROBARDS THOMAS F
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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 *
 ROBARDS THOMAS F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 53 FOREST AVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/12/2018

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

OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. I
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Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	09/12/2018		A		3,610		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common shares representing ltd liability company interests	3,610

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBARDS THOMAS F 53 FOREST AVE OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870			X	

Signatures

/s/ Jason Frank, attorney-in-fact for Thomas F. Robards
Date: 09/14/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents a separate non-voting class of limited liability company interests ("LTIP Units") of Ellington Financial LLC (the "Company"),
(1) which are structured as profits interests. The LTIP Units were issued pursuant to, and are subject to the terms and conditions of, the Issuer's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2017 Plan").

(2) The 3,610 LTIP Units remain forfeitable, subject to the reporting person's continued service as a member of the board of directors of the Company, until September 11, 2019. After the applicable forfeiture restrictions lapse, the LTIP Units may be converted at the election of the holder, into common shares representing limited liability interests of the Company ("Common Shares") on a one-for-one basis. The rights to convert LTIP Units into Common Shares do not have expiration dates.

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