FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     WEBER JEFFREY A			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [ SFI ]						(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 767 FIFTH AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2009							- 1		give title		Other (sp	
(Street) NEW YO	PRK NY	<i>'</i>	L0153 Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line)	Adividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  State of the process of the pr						
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
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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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		Code V (A) (D) Exercisable Date Expiration of Shares Title Shares															
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	05/27/2009		A		22,013 <sup>(1)</sup>		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	22,013	\$0	24,513 <sup>(3</sup>	3)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The Reporting Person has been awarded 22,013 Common Stock Equivalents ("CSEs") under the iStar Financial Inc. Non-Employee Directors' Deferral Plan ("Plan"). These CSEs will vest on the date of the 2010 annual meeting of shareholders, subject to the provisions of the Plan.
- 2. On the relevant distribution date, vested CSEs will be settled by the transfer of shares of iStar common stock to the participant, unless a participant elects to receive some or all of a distribution of his or her CSEs in cash, based upon the fair market value of iStar common stock on the date of the distribution. The "regular distribution date" for distributions to participants is the earlier of: (1) January 1 on or next following the earlier of (i) the date the participant ceases to be a non-employee director; and (ii) the date of the participant's death; and (2) a change of control (as defined in the Plan). A participant, under certain limited circumstances, is permitted to elect to receive distributions at times other than the regular distribution date.
- $3. \ The \ Reporting \ Person \ also \ holds \ 2,500 \ CSEs \ previously \ awarded \ under \ the \ Plan, \ which \ are \ vested.$

<u>s/ Jeffrey A. Weber</u> <u>08/04/2009</u>

\*\* 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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