

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 4, 2013**

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation
or organization)

1-13991
(Commission File Number)

13-3974868
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

350 Park Avenue, 20th Floor
New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10022
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 207-6400**

Not Applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between MFA Financial, Inc. and Craig L. Knutson

On April 4, 2013, MFA Financial, Inc. (the Company) entered into Amendment No. 1 (the Amendment) to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2011 (the Employment Agreement), between the Company and Craig L. Knutson, an Executive Vice President of the Company.

The Amendment amends the performance bonus provisions of the Employment Agreement such that for 2013, Mr. Knutson's annual bonus will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors in its discretion (rather than through a discretionary allocation by the Compensation Committee from a delineated bonus pool).

A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1. The above description of the principal terms of the Amendment is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibit 10.1 hereto, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02. Except as provided in the Amendment, all other terms and provisions of the Employment Agreement remain unchanged. A copy of the Employment Agreement may be found as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 7, 2011.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Amendment No. 1, dated April 4, 2013, to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2011, between MFA Financial, Inc. and Craig L. Knutson

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.
(REGISTRANT)

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| By: | /s/ Harold E. Schwartz | |
| Name: | | Harold E. Schwartz |
| Title: | | Senior Vice President and General Counsel |

Date: April 4, 2013

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