

STROHM MICHAEL D

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STROHM MICHAEL D

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL
INC [WDR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6300 LAMAR AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Operations Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66202

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common	12/14/2012		S		19,571	D	\$ 33.2502 (1)	25,765 (2)	I	Personal Trust
Class A Common	12/14/2012		S		11,300	D	\$ 33.25	12,900 (3)	I	Spouse's Trust
Class A Common	12/17/2012		G	V	200	D	\$ 0	138,026	D	
Class A Common	12/21/2012		G	V	125	D	\$ 0	137,901	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)

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 Beneficially Owned Following the Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STROHM MICHAEL D
6300 LAMAR AVENUE
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66202

SVP & Chief Operations Officer

Signatures

Michael D.
Strohm

12/26/2012

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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 price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions ranging from \$33.25 to \$33.26, inclusive.

(1) The reporting person undertakes to provide to Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. ("WDR"), any stockholder of WDR or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this Footnote 1.

(2) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of Mr. Strohm. Mr. and Mrs. Strohm are co-trustees of the trust.

(3) These shares are held in trust for the benefit of Mrs. Strohm. Mr. and Mrs. Strohm are co-trustees of the trust.

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