

SCHLACHTER HARRY  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SCHLACHTER HARRY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.  
[AFSI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/23/2012**

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

**C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR**

(Street)

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

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

**NEW YORK, NY 10038**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/23/2012		M		498 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	05/23/2012		F		177 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 29.05

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/23/2012		M	498	(4) (4)	Common Stock	498
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/23/2012		A	1,448	(5) (5)	Common Stock	1,448

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHLACHTER HARRY C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10038			Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Harry Schlachter 05/24/2012

\*\*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).
- (1) Acquisition of common stock resulting from the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Schlachter on May 23, 2011.
- (2) Disposition of common stock resulting from the withholding of securities for the payment of tax liability relating to the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Schlachter on May 23, 2011.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s common stock.
- (4) On May 23, 2011, Mr. Schlachter received restricted stock units representing 1,992 shares subject to a four-year vesting schedule, vesting 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date.
- (5)

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On May 23, 2012, Mr. Schlachter received restricted stock units representing 1,448 shares subject to a four-year vesting schedule, vesting 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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