

Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.
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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 *
 Karkowsky Adam

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN LANE, 43RD FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10038

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/23/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)			
Common Stock	05/23/2015		M		1,042 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0 5,455	D
Common Stock	05/23/2015		F		538 ⁽²⁾	D	\$ 59.86 4,917	D
Common Stock	05/23/2015		M		3,412 ⁽³⁾	A	\$ 0 8,329	D
Common Stock	05/23/2015		F		1,760 ⁽⁴⁾	D	\$ 59.86 6,569	D
	05/23/2015		M			A	\$ 0 12,102	D

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Common Stock						5,533		
						<u>(5)</u>		
Common Stock	05/23/2015		F		D	2,549	\$	9,553
						<u>(6)</u>	59.86	

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		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
					Acquired (A)	Disposed of (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(7)</u>	05/23/2015		M		1,042	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	1,042
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(7)</u>	05/23/2015		M		3,412	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	3,412
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(7)</u>	05/23/2015		M		5,533	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	Common Stock	5,533
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(7)</u>	05/23/2015		A		14,618	<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	14,618

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Karkowsky Adam C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 59 MAIDEN LANE, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10038			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Adam
Karkowsky

05/26/2015

__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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- (1) Acquisition of common stock resulting from the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Karkowsky on May 23, 2012.
- (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. Karkowsky on May 23, 2012.
- (3) Acquisition of common stock resulting from the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Karkowsky on May 23, 2013.
- (4) 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. Karkowsky on May 23, 2013.
- (5) Acquisition of common stock resulting from the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Karkowsky on May 23, 2014.
- (6) 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. Karkowsky on May 23, 2014.
- (7) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s common stock.
On May 23, 2012, Mr. Karkowsky received restricted stock units 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.
- (8) On May 23, 2013, Mr. Karkowsky received restricted stock units 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.
- (9) On May 23, 2014, Mr. Karkowsky received restricted stock units 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.
- (10) On May 23, 2015, Mr. Karkowsky received restricted stock units 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.
- (11) On May 23, 2015, Mr. Karkowsky received restricted stock units 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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