

Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.
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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 *
 Zyskind Barry D

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)
 03/05/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN LANE, 43RD 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/05/2016		M		125,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 14,063,817 D
Common Stock	03/05/2016		F		66,438 (2)	D	\$ 25.73 13,997,379 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(3)</u>	03/05/2016		M	125,000	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock 125,000
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/05/2016		A	116,596	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock 116,596

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zyskind Barry D C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 59 MAIDEN LANE, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10038	X	X	President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Barry
Zyskind 03/07/2016

**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) As a result of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s two-for-one stock split, 187,500 restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on March 5, 2014 that had not yet vested on February 2, 2016 became 375,000 restricted stock units.
- (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. Zyskind on March 5, 2014.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s common stock.
- (4) On March 5, 2014, Mr. Zyskind 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.
- (5) On March 5, 2016, Mr. Zyskind 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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