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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Pappas Thomas L	 Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC [FF]			
(Last) (First) (Middle) WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLP, 75 STATE STREET (Street) BOSTON, MA 02109	01/01/2005	Person(s) to Is (Check Director X Officer (give title below	all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securities	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Beneficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	f Securities	3. 4. Ownership O	Nature of Indirect Beneficial wnership nstr. 5)	
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1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)				6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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Shares	or Indirect
	(I)
	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Pappas Thomas L WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT 75 STATE STREET BOSTON, MA 02109	COMPANY, LLP	Â	Â	Officer of Investment Adviser	Â		
Signatures							
John E. Bruno, Attorney-in-Fact	01/05/2005						
<u></u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date						
Explanation of Res	oonses:						

No securities are beneficially owned

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