

Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â KARFUNKEL MICHAEL (Last) (First) (Middle) 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR (Street) NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10038 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/09/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Amtrust Financial Services, Inc. [AFSI]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	24,089,286	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	10,285,714	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KARFUNKEL MICHAEL 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10038	X	X		

Signatures

/s/ Michael
Karfunkel

11/16/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

These shares are owned by G/MK Acquisition Corp. ("G/MK"), which is a wholly owned Subsidiary of AmTrust Financial Group, Inc. ("AFG"). Mr. Karfunkel owns approximately 37.5% of AFG. Mr. Karfunkel is a director of AFG and G/MK. With respect to the shares

(1) owned by G/MK, Mr. Karfunkel shares voting and investment power with Messrs. George Karfunkel and Barry D. Zyskind. Substantially all of the shares beneficially owned by Michael Karfunkel through G/MK Acquisition Corp. are owned by the Michael Karfunkel 2005 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust, of which Michael Karfunkel and his wife are sole trustees.

These shares are owned by New Gulf Holdings, Inc. ("NGH"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gulf USA Corporation ("Gulf").

(2) Mr. Karfunfel owns 50.0% of Gulf. With respect to the shares owned by NGH, Mr. Karfunkel shares voting and investment power with Mr. George Karfunkel.

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