FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LOLA BROWN TRUST 1B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[FF]

(Middle)

(7:-

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ 10% Owner Director __ Other (specify Officer (give title below)

1680 38TH STREET STE 800

(Street)

(Ctota)

12/01/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Person

BOULDER, CO 80301

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and :	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S	5,000	D	\$ 23.05	2,495,600	D (1)	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		S	10,000	D	\$ 23.08	2,485,600	D (1)	
Common Stock	12/02/2004		S	5,000	D	\$ 23.15	2,480,600 (2)	D (1)	

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)

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						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LOLA BROWN TRUST 1B 1680 38TH STREET STE 800 BOULDER, CO 80301		X				
HOREJSI STEWART R 200 SOUTH SANTA FE SALINA, KS 67401		X				
CICIORA SUSAN L 1680 38TH STREET STE 800 BOULDER, CO 80301		X				

Signatures

Stephen C. Miller, Vice President No. 1B	t, Badlands Trust Company, trustee of the Lola Brown Trust	12/03/2004
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Stewart R. Horejsi		12/03/2004
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Susan L. Ciciora		12/03/2004
	**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).

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The trustees of the Lola Brown Trust No. 1B (the "Brown Trust") are Badlands Trust Company ("Badlands"), Susan L. Ciciora and Larry Dunlap. Such trustees may be deemed to control the Brown Trust and may be deemed to possess indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares held by the Brown Trust. However, none of the trustees, acting alone, can vote or exercise dispositive authority over Shares held by the Brown Trust. Accordingly, Badlands, Mr. Ciciora and Mr. Dunlan displain hearfinial authority of the Shares handfinially authority over Shares had been shared from the Shares handfinially authority over Shares had been shared from the Shares had been shared from

- (1) by the Brown Trust. Accordingly, Badlands, Ms. Ciciora and Mr. Dunlap disclaim beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the Brown Trust. In addition to serving as a trustee, Ms. Ciciora is also a beneficiary of the Brown Trust. As a result of his advisory role with the Brown Trust, Stewart R. Horejsi may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially owned by the Brown Trust. However, Mr. Horejsi disclaims such beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially held by the Brown Trust.
- (2) Trusts affiliated with the Brown Trust, including the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B, the Mildred B. Horejsi Trust, the Susan L. Ciciora Trust, and the Stewart R. Horejsi Trust No. 2, own an aggregate of 9,255,800 Shares of the Fund following these transactions.

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