

LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W  
 Form 4  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 LILIENTHAL STEPHEN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/21/2006

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

CHICAGO, IL 60604

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	04/21/2006		G <sup>(1)</sup>		100 D \$ 31.29		D
Common Stock	04/21/2006		G <sup>(2)</sup>		200 D \$ 31.29		D
Common Stock	04/21/2006		G <sup>(3)</sup>		100 D \$ 31.29		D
Common Stock	04/23/2007		G <sup>(1)</sup>		100 D \$ 45.93		D
Common Stock	04/23/2007		G <sup>(4)</sup>		150 D \$ 45.93		D



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(4) Charitable contribution of 150 shares to the College of the Holy Cross.

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