

SIMON RONALD I  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
SIMON RONALD I

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
53 FOREST AVE  
(Street)  
OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/01/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                             |
| Common shares rep. limited liability company interests | 10/01/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 1,250                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 0                              |
|                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 10,000                                                                                        | I                                                        |                                   |
|                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | By trust <sup>(1)</sup>           |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| LTIP Units                                 | (2)                                                    | 10/01/2012                           |                                                    | M                              | 1,250                                                                                   | (2) (2)                                                  | Common Shares                                                 | 1,250 \$ 0                                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SIMON RONALD I<br>53 FOREST AVE<br>OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Sara Walden Brown,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/01/2012

\*\*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) The shares are held in the Simon Family Trust (the "Trust"). Mr. Simon is the trustee of the Trust. Mr. Simon and his wife are the beneficiaries of the Trust. Mr. Simon disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Represents a separate non-voting class of limited liability company interests ("LTIP Units") of the Issuer, which are structured as profits interests. The LTIP Units became fully vested on 9/14/2012. The LTIP Units are convertible, at the election of the holder, into common shares representing limited liability company interests of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis.

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