

VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC.

Form 3

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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                               |  |
| Â Phoenix Investment Management Co        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                                 | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| ONE AMERICAN ROW                          |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner        |
| HARTFORD,Â CTÂ 06102                      |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                       |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)   | (specify below)                                      |
|   |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)                       |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person                      |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 770,000  | D <sup>(1)</sup>  | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br><br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares       | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Series B Voting Convertible Preferred Stock | Â (2)            | Â (2)           | Common Stock 1,349,300.61 \$ (2) | D (1) Â                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Phoenix Investment Management Co<br>ONE AMERICAN ROW<br>HARTFORD,Â CTÂ 06102 | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| PHOENIX COMPANIES INC/DE<br>ONE AMERICAN ROW<br>HARTFORD,Â CTÂ 06102         | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Steven L. Bray, Vice President, on behalf of Phoenix Investment Management Company 12/31/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Steven L. Bray, Vice President, on behalf of The Phoenix Companies, Inc. 12/31/2008

\*\*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).

- Seven hundred seventy thousand (770,000) shares of common stock and thirty-five thousand two hundred seventeen (35,217) shares of
- (1) Series B Voting Convertible Preferred Stock of Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. are owned beneficially and of record by Phoenix Investment Management Company. The Phoenix Companies, Inc. is the sole stockholder of Phoenix Investment Management Company.
  - (2) Each share of Series B Voting Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible at any time into 38.3 139 shares of common stock, subject to customary anti-dilution provisions. There is no expiration date for conversion.

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