

LOLA BROWN TRUST 1B  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
LOLA BROWN TRUST 1B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST FINANCIAL FUND INC  
[FF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1680 38TH STREET STE 800  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/10/2004

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

BOULDER, CO 80301

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/10/2004                           |  | S                              | 3,600 D \$ 21.77  | 2,553,200   | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/12/2004                           |  | S                              | 5,000 D \$ 22.3   | 2,548,200   | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/12/2004                           |  | S                              | 200 D \$ 22.35  | 2,548,000 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D <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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu...<br>Deriv...<br>Secur...<br>Bene...<br>Own...<br>Follo...<br>Repor...<br>Trans...<br>(Instr... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

|   |  |            |
|---|--|------------|
| Stephen C. Miller, Vice President, Badlands Trust Company, trustee of the Lola Brown Trust No. 1B |  | 11/15/2004 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person   |  | Date       |
| Stewart R. Horejsi  |  | 11/15/2004 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person   |  | Date       |
| Susan L. Ciciora  |  | 11/15/2004 |
| __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, 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 over 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.
- (1)
- (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 9,323,200 Shares of the Fund following these transactions.

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