

SAKS DAVID  
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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)

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|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â SAKS DAVID</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,Â 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10038</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/18/2009</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Amtrust Financial Services, Inc. [AFSI]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Title of Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>3. Ownership Form:</p> <p>Direct (D) or Indirect (I)</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p> | <p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p> |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

|  |  |  |   |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| <p>1. Title of Derivative Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable Expiration Date</p> | <p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title Amount or Number of</p> | <p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p> | <p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:</p> <p>Direct (D)</p> | <p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p> |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|

|              |                           |            |                 | Shares |         | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|---------|----------------------------------|---|
| Stock option | 05/21/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/21/2019 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000 | \$ 8.99 | D                                | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| SAKS DAVID<br>C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.<br>59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10038 | Â             | Â         | Â CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ David Saks                      05/27/2009  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- (1) Stock options vest as follows: 25% of the options granted to the Reporting Person under the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan vest on May 21, 2010. The remaining 75% of the options vest pro rata quarterly over the three-year period following May 21, 2010.

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