

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Smernoff Chris</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>53 FOREST AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>OLD GREENWICH CT 06870</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Ellington Financial Inc. [EFC]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/13/2019</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Accounting Officer</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
OP LTIP Units ⁽¹⁾	⁽²⁾	12/13/2019		A		7,373		⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	Common Units ⁽²⁾	7,373	\$0 ⁽²⁾	27,036 ⁽³⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents a separate non-voting class of limited liability company interests ("OP LTIP Units") of Ellington Financial Operating Partnership LLC (the "Operating Partnership"), the operating partnership of Ellington Financial Inc. (the "Company").
2. 3,687 of the OP LTIP Units will vest on December 13, 2020 and the remaining 3,686 of the OP LTIP units will vest on December 13, 2021. The OP LTIP Units may be converted, upon lapse of the vesting restrictions described above, at the election of the holder, or at any time at the election of the Company, into limited liability company interests of the Operating Partnership designated as common units ("Common Units") on a one-for-one basis. Subject to certain conditions, the Common Units are redeemable by the holder for an equivalent number of shares of common stock of the Company, \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Shares") or for the cash value of such Common Shares, at the Company's election. The OP LTIP Units were issued pursuant to, and are subject to the terms and conditions of, the Company's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2017 Plan").
3. 3,391 of the OP LTIP units will vest on December 11, 2020.

Remarks:

/s/ Jason Frank, as attorney-in-fact for Christopher Smernoff

** Signature of Reporting Person

12/16/2019

Date

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

* 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Laurence Penn, Daniel Margolis, Jason Frank, Daniel M. LeBey and Christopher C. Green, and each of them, as the undersigned's attorney-in-fact, to

(1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including

(2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a beneficial owner of 10% or more of Ellington Financial LLC (the "Company"), Form

(3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete

(4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interests of the undersigned.

The undersigned grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to carry out the foregoing.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of, and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of February, 2018.

By: /s/ Christopher Smernoff
Name: Christopher Smernoff