

Szerlong Timothy J  
 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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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

^ Szerlong Timothy J  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

333 S. WABASH  
 (Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60604  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 09/08/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 President, Worldwide Field Ops

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

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

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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 (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(1)</sup>	09/11/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/11/2019	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 24.14	D	Â
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Szerlong Timothy J 333 S. WABASH CHICAGO, IL 60604	Â	Â	Â President, Worldwide Field Ops	Â

## Signatures

Timothy J. Szerlong	09/14/2009
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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## 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) The stock appreciation rights paid in CNA Financial Corporation Common Stock vest annually in four equal installments commencing September 11, 2010.

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