

Fay George R.  
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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Fay George R.		(Month/Day/Year)	CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]	
(Last)	(First)	02/03/2010		
333 S. WABASH AVE.			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
CHICAGO, IL 60604			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			EVP, Worldwide P&C Claim	

**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)
Common Stock	10,386 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(2)</sup>	02/07/2008	02/07/2017	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 41.86	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(3)</sup>	02/06/2009	02/06/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 32.54	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(4)</sup>	02/04/2010	02/04/2019	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 11.51	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fay George R. 333 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60604	Â	Â	Â EVP, Worldwide P&C Claim	Â

## Signatures

George R. Fay                      02/11/2010  
 \*\*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) Includes 3,333 restricted shares which will fully vest on July 10, 2010.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights paid in CNA Financial Corporation common stock vest annually in four equal installments commencing on February 7, 2008.
- (3) The stock appreciation rights paid in CNA Financial Corporation common stock vest annually in four equal installments commencing on February 6, 2009.
- (4) The stock appreciation rights paid in CNA Financial Corporation common stock vest annually in four equal installments commencing on February 4, 2010.

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