

HFF, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
Lawton Matthew D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HFF, INC., ONE OXFORD CENTRE,, 301 GRANT STREET, SUITE 1100

(Street)

PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HFF, Inc. [HF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Class A common stock            | 02/14/2017                           |  | A                              | (1)   | \$ 29.64  | 271,310  | D   |
| Class A common stock            | 02/14/2017                           |  | A                              | (2)   | \$ 29.64  | 281,472  | D   |
| Class A common stock            | 02/14/2017                           |  | A                              | (3)   | \$ 29.64  | 285,827  | 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 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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Lawton Matthew D<br>C/O HFF, INC., ONE OXFORD CENTRE,<br>301 GRANT STREET, SUITE 1100<br>PITTSBURGH, PA 15219 |               |           | Executive Managing Director |       |

## Signatures

Eric O. Conrad, as attorney-in-fact 02/16/2017  
\*\*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).
- (1) Represents grant of restricted stock units of Class A common stock of the Company under the Company's Executive Bonus Plan, one-third of which will vest on each of February 14, 2018, February 14, 2019, and February 14, 2020.
- (2) Represents grant of restricted stock units of Class A common stock of the Company under the Company's Firm Profit Participation Bonus Plan, one-third of which will vest on each of February 14, 2018, February 14, 2019, and February 14, 2020.
- (3) Represents grant of restricted stock units of Class A common stock of the Company under the Company's Office Profit Participation Bonus Plan, one-third of which will vest on each of February 14, 2018, February 14, 2019, and February 14, 2020.

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