

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
Form SC 13G/A  
January 19, 2017

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 5)\*

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value of \$0.01  
(Title of Class of Securities)

65251F105  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2016  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP  
No 65251F105

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S.  
IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Second  
Curve  
Capital,  
LLC

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
(a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

- NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

SHARED

6. VOTING  
POWER

1,201,049

SOLE

7. DISPOSITIVE  
POWER

0

SHARED

8. DISPOSITIVE  
POWER

1,201,049

AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT

9. BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON

1,201,049

CHECK  
BOX IF  
THE  
AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT

10. IN ROW (9)  
EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN  
SHARES  
(SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

PERCENT  
OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED

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AMOUNT  
IN ROW (9)

2.7168%

12. TYPE OF  
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(SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)  
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Brown

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REPORTING

PERSON  
(SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)  
IN, HC

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Item 1. (a). Name of Issuer:

NewStar Financial, Inc.

(b). Address of issuer's principal executive offices:

500 Boylston Street, Suite 1250  
Boston, MA 02116

Item 2. (a). Name of person filing:

Second Curve Capital, LLC  
Thomas K. Brown

(b). Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:

Second Curve Capital, LLC

350 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 4730  
New York, NY 10118  
United States of America

Thomas K. Brown

c/o Second Curve Capital, LLC  
350 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 4730  
New York, New York 10118  
United States of America

(c). Citizenship:

Second Curve Capital, LLC - Delaware  
Thomas K. Brown – United States

(d). Title of class of securities:

Common Stock, par value of \$0.01

(e). CUSIP No.:

65251F105

Item 3. If This Statement is filed pursuant to §§.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b), or (c), check whether the person filing is a

(a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).

(b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

(c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

Group, in accordance  
with  
§240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).  
If filing as a non-U.S.

- (k)  institution in accordance  
with  
§240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J),  
please specify the type of  
institution:
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Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

Second Curve Capital, LLC – 1,201,049  
Thomas K. Brown - 1,201,049

(b) Percent of class:

Second Curve Capital, LLC – 2.7168%  
Thomas K. Brown – 2.7168%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote  
Second Curve Capital, LLC – 0  
Thomas K. Brown – 0
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote  
Second Curve Capital, LLC – 1,201,049  
Thomas K. Brown – 1,201,049
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  
Second Curve Capital, LLC – 0  
Thomas K. Brown – 0
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  
Second Curve Capital, LLC – 2.7168%  
Thomas K. Brown – 2.7168%

Instruction: For computations regarding securities which represent a right to acquire an underlying security see §240.13d-3(d)(1).

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than 5 percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

The securities reported in this Schedule 13G, which are beneficially owned by Second Curve Capital, LLC and Thomas K. Brown, are owned by advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC, none of which owns more than 5% of the class.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G), so indicate under Item 3(g) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant subsidiary. If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identification of the relevant subsidiary.

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity. See Item 5.

N/A

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.



SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

SECOND CURVE  
CAPITAL, LLC

By: /s/ Thomas K. Brown  
Name: Thomas K. Brown  
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Thomas K. Brown\*  
Thomas K. Brown

Date: January 19, 2017

\* The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership in the common stock reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

Note. Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See s.240.13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13G Amendment 5 dated January 19, 2017 relating to the Common Stock, par value of \$0.01 of NewStar Financial, Inc. shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

SECOND CURVE  
CAPITAL, LLC

By: /s/ Thomas K. Brown  
Name: Thomas K. Brown  
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Thomas K. Brown  
Thomas K. Brown

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