

NewStar Financial, Inc.
Form SC 13G
February 13, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

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

NewStar Financial, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

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

65251F105
(CUSIP Number)

February 9, 2012
(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)

*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

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,507,312

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,507,312

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,507,312

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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CUSIP No 65251F105

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

Thomas K. Brown

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

United States

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,507,312

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,507,312

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,507,312

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
IN

Item 1. (a). Name of Issuer:

NewStar Financial, Inc.

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

500 Boylston Street, Suite 1250
Boston, MA 02166

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
237 Park Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10017
United States of America

Thomas K. Brown
c/o Second Curve Capital, LLC
237 Park Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10017
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).

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- (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);
- (k) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

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 – 2,507,312
Thomas K. Brown - 2,507,312

- (b) Percent of class:

Second Curve Capital, LLC – 5.1%
Thomas K. Brown – 5.1%

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