

THORP JEFFREY  
Form 3  
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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>THORP JEFFREY</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>805 THIRD AVENUE, 16TH FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW YORK, NY 10022</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>04/09/2009</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**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	377,500	D $\frac{(1) (3) (4)}{(5)}$ A	
Common Stock	377,500	D $\frac{(2) (3) (4)}{(5)}$ A	

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)**

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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 (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORP JEFFREY 805 THIRD AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
Sonoma Capital, LP 805 THIRD AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
Sonoma Capital, LLC 805 THIRD AVENUE, 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
Sonoma Capital Management, LLC 805 THIRD AVENUE, 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

Jeffrey Thorp	04/14/2009
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Jeffrey Thorp, Managing Member of Sonoma Capital, LLC, general partner of Sonoma Capital, LP	04/14/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Jeffrey Thorp, Managing Member of Sonoma Capital, LLC	04/14/2009
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Jeffrey Thorp, Managing Member of Sonoma Capital Management, LLC	04/14/2009
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Jeffrey Thorp, Jeffrey Thorp IFA, HSBC Bank USA, N.A. as Custodian	04/14/2009
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## 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).

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- (1) Reflects the securities of the issuer owned directly by Sonoma Capital, LP.
- (2) Reflects the securities of the issuer owned directly by Jeffrey Thorp IRA, HSBC Bank USA, N.A. as Custodian (the "HSBC IRA").  
Sonoma Capital, LLC is the general partner of Sonoma Capital, LP. Jeffrey Thorp is the managing member of Sonoma Capital, LLC. Sonoma Capital Management, LLC is the investment manager of Sonoma Capital, LP. Jeffrey Thorp is the managing member of Sonoma Capital Management, LLC. As a result, Sonoma Capital, LP, Sonoma Capital Management, LLC, Sonoma Capital LLC and Jeffrey Thorp may be deemed to have shared power to vote or to direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares of Common Stock owned by Sonoma Capital, LP.
- (3) Jeffrey Thorp is the controlling person of the HSBC IRA. As a result, Jeffrey Thorp may be deemed to have shared power to vote or to direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the shares of Common Stock owned by the HSBC IRA.  
For purposes of this Form 3, Jeffrey Thorp, Sonoma Capital, LLC and Sonoma Capital Management, LLC disclaim ownership of the
- (4) shares of common stock owned by Sonoma Capital, LP and the HSBC IRA reported on this Form 3 except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

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