

ERNST BARRIE W
Form 4
May 20, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ERNST BARRIE W

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY CO
[UFCS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

118 SECOND AVENUE SE, P.O.
BOX 73909

(Street)

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

05/19/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP/Chief Investment Officer

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Filing Date
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Sec (In	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 22.42	05/19/2010	A		3,000		<u>(1)</u>	05/19/2020	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ERNST BARRIE W 118 SECOND AVENUE SE P.O. BOX 73909 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52407-3909	VP/Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

/s/ Barrie W. Ernst by Dianne M. Lyons,
Attorney-in-Fact 05/20/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) 3,000 options become exercisable in five equal installments of 600 option shares each on 05/19/2011, 05/19/2012, 05/19/2013, 05/19/2014 and 05/19/2015.

- The total number of derivative securities beneficially held following the reported transaction includes: 24,923 stock options currently exercisable; 500 stock options vesting on 02/17/2011; 2,000 stock options vesting in two equal installments of 1,000 option shares each on 02/16/2011, and 02/16/2012; 5,691 stock options vesting in three equal installments of 1,423 option shares each on 05/21/2010, 05/21/2011, 05/21/2012, and one installment of 1,422 option shares on 05/21/2013; and 3,000 stock options vesting in five equal installments of 600 option shares each on 05/19/2011, 05/19/2012, 05/19/2013, 05/19/2014 and 05/19/2015.

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