FORM 3

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

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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or Section 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)						30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940  3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol      Fifth Street Finance Corp. [FSC]								
(Last)	etrocelli Richard A ast) (First) (Middle) 77 WEST PUTNAM AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR			07/22/2014 - -			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
(Street) GREENWICH CT 06830							Officer (give title below) Chief Financial Off		Other (specify below)		Individual of Jointy-fough Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)													
				Table			Securities Beneficially O							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						2. Amount o (Instr. 4)	f Securities Beneficially Owned		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock							15,000		D					
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1. Title of Derivative		Expiration Da			3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Deri (Instr. 4)		ative Security	4. Conversion Exercise Prior of Derivative	e Form:	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	ial		
				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title			Amount or Number of Shares	Security				
Explanation of Responses:				Date Expiration Exercisable Date		Title			Number of	- Security				

Remarks:

## /s/ David H. Harrison, as attorney-in-fact for 07/23/2014

Richard A. Petrocelli \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Richard A. Petrocelli, Chief Financial Officer of Fifth Street Finance Corp. (the "Corporation"), hereby authorize and designate each of Bernard D. Berman, David (1) prepare and sign on my behalf any Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and file the same with

(2) prepare and sign on my behalf any Form 144 Notice under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and file the same with the Securities and Exchange Comm

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or This Power of Attorney shall remain in effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of

DATED: 7/23/2014 SIGNED: /s/ Richard A. Petrocelli