#### THORP JEFFREY

Form 4

January 12, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* THORP JEFFREY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/10/2012

Director 10% Owner \_ Other (specify Officer (give title below)

805 THIRD AVENUE, 16TH **FLOOR** 

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Form filed by One Reporting Person \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)

(011)	(State)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi omr Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of	` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/10/2012		S	1,130	D	\$ 82.8743	376,370	$   \begin{array}{c}     D \underbrace{(1)}_{(5)} \underbrace{(3)}_{(4)} \underbrace{(4)}_{(5)}   \end{array} $	
Common Stock	01/10/2012		S	3,615	D	\$ 82.538	372,755	$   \begin{array}{c}     D (1) (3) (4) \\     \hline     (5)   \end{array} $	
Common Stock	01/10/2012		S	1,130	D	\$ 82.8743	376,370	$   \begin{array}{c}     D \\     \hline     (5) \\   \end{array}   \begin{array}{c}     (3) \\     \hline     (4) \\   \end{array} $	
Common Stock	01/10/2012		S	3,615	D	\$ 82.538	372,755	$   \begin{array}{c}     D (2) (3) (4) \\     \underline{(5)} \\   \end{array} $	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	Secur	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	' (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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# **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, Managing Member of Sonoma Capital, LLC, general partner of Sonoma
Capital, LP
01/12/2012

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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Jeffrey Thorp, Managing Member of Sonoma Capital, LLC	01/12/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Jeffrey Thorp, Managing Member of Sonoma Capital Management, LLC	01/12/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Jeffrey Thorp, Managing Member of Jeffrey Thorp Roth IRA, HSBC Bank USA, N.A. as Custodian	01/12/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Jeffrey Thorp	01/12/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (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 Roth 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
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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 4, Jeffrey Thorp, Sonoma Capital, LLC and Sonoma Capital Management, LLC disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock owned by Sonoma Capital, LP and the HSBC IRA reported on this Form 4 except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

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