

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>LESHER JOHN L</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>311 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE</b> <b>SUITE 4000</b>  (Street) <b>CHICAGO IL 60606</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>FIRST INDUSTRIAL REALTY TRUST</b> <b>INC [ FR ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Former Director</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>03/17/2004</b>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		M		10,000	A	\$30.5	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		S		10,000	D	\$38.4844	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		M		10,000	A	\$31.125	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		S		10,000	D	\$38.4844	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		M		10,000	A	\$27.6875	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		S		10,000	D	\$38.4844	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		M		10,000	A	\$30	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		S		10,000	D	\$38.4844	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		M		10,000	A	\$31.05	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		S		10,000	D	\$38.4844	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		M		10,000	A	\$33.15	3,251	D	
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share	03/17/2004		S		10,000	D	\$38.4844	3,251	D	

**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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$30.5	03/17/2004		M			10,000	05/14/1998	05/14/2007	common stock	10,000	(1)	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$31.125	03/17/2004		M			10,000	05/14/1999	05/14/2008	common stock	10,000	(1)	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$27.6875	03/17/2004		M			10,000	05/12/2000	05/12/2009	common stock	10,000	(1)	0	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$30	03/17/2004		M			10,000	05/17/2001	05/17/2010	common stock	10,000	(1)	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$31.05	03/17/2004		M			10,000	05/16/2002	05/16/2011	common stock	10,000	(1)	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$33.15	03/17/2004		M			10,000	05/15/2003	05/15/2012	common stock	10,000	(1)	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. No figure applicable.

/s/ John H. Clayton, Attorney-in-fact      03/18/2004

\*\* 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 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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints John H. Clayton, Sherri L. Boyle and Scott A. Musil, and each of them (with full power to each of them to act alone), his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign Forms ID or any comparable form subsequently adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any amendments thereto, and Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 4 and Annual Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 5, or any comparable forms subsequently adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any amendments thereto, with respect to the undersigned's direct or indirect ownership, acquisition, disposition or other transfer of any securities of First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. or any of its affiliates; and to file any of the above forms with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection with such matters, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The powers granted hereby shall be effective on and as of the date hereof and, unless earlier revoked by written instrument, shall continue in effect for so long as the undersigned, in his capacity as an officer and/or director of First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. is subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules promulgated thereunder, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Dated: 3/15/04

/s/ John L. Leshner  
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Name: John L. Leshner  
Title: Director