

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**COURTS RICHARD W II**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**COUSINS PROPERTIES INC [CUZ]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/08/2006**

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

**2500 WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY, SUITE 1600**

(Street)

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

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

**ATLANTA, GA 30339**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/08/2006		M	4,922 A	\$ 9.9 86,788 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					1,687,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Atlantic Investment Company
Common Stock					3,375 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Atlantic Investment Company Profit Sharing

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Common Stock	387,751 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By the Courts Foundation
Common Stock	12,309 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	By Wife

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.9	03/08/2006		M	4,922	05/06/1997 <sup>(6)</sup> 05/06/2006	Common Stock	4,922

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COURTS RICHARD W II 2500 WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY SUITE 1600 ATLANTA, GA 30339	X			

## Signatures

Kristin R. Myers, by Power of Attorney  
Date: 03/09/2006

\*\*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).

(4) Shares held by the Courts Foundation for which the reporting person serves as President.

(5) Shares held by the reporting person's wife.

(1) 1,216 shares held by the reporting person through an Individual Retirement Plan. 10,274 shares held by the reporting person through a Simplified Employee Pension Plan.

These options were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated Stock Plan for Outside Directors. These options will vest 20% per year on the anniversary of the grant date, with shares being 100% vested in year 5 of the grant term. The Plan under which these options were granted complies with Rule 16b-3 and provides for tax withholding.

(2) Shares held by Atlantic Investment Company for which the reporting person serves as Chairman.

(7) On September 16, 2003 and November 19, 2004 the number of options beneficially owned and the corresponding exercise prices were adjusted due to the payment of a special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by approximately 7.4% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 6.9% for the September 16, 2003 special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by approximately 22.24% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 18.19% for the November 19, 2004 special dividend.

(3) Shares held by Atlantic Investment Company in a profit sharing account for which the reporting person serves as Chairman.

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