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Form SC 13D

July 27, 2015

SCHEDULE 13D

DATE OF EVENT WHICH REQUIRES FILING OF THIS STATEMENT

7/23/15

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Bulldog Investors, LLC

2. CHECK THE BOX IF MEMBER OF A GROUP

a[ ]

b[ ]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) AND 2(e)

[ ]

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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7. SOLE VOTING POWER

2,353,574

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

1,944,599

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,298,173 (Footnote 1)

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY ROW 11

6.52%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Phillip Goldstein

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Andrew Dakos

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Steven Samuels

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## Item 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This Schedule 13D relates to the shares of Common Stock  
of Wheeler Real Estate investmentTrust ("WHLR" or the "Issuer").

The principal executive offices of Wheeler are located at

RIVERSEDGE NORTH  
2529 VIRGINIA BEACH BLVD., SUITE 200  
VIRGINIA BEACH VA 23452

## Item 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

(a) This statement is filed on behalf of Bulldog Investors,LLC, (a Delaware  
Limited Liability Company), Phillip Goldstein, Andrew Dakos and Steven Samuels.

(b) The business address of the reporting persons is Park 80 West-Plaza Two,  
250 Pehle Ave., Suite 708, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

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(c) Bulldog Investors, LLC is a registered investment adviser. Messrs. Goldstein, Dakos and Samuels are control persons of Bulldog Investors, LLC.

(d) n/a

(e) n/a

(f) Each of Messrs. Goldstein, Dakos and Samuels is a citizen of the United States.

### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Shares of the Issuer have been accumulated on behalf of clients of Bulldog Investors, LLC.

### ITEM 4. ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

The shares were purchased for investment purposes.

### ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) As per the information provided by the Issuer on July 27, 2015, there were 65,896,341 shares of common stock outstanding as of July 23, 2015. The percentages set forth herein were derived using such number. Phillip Goldstein, Andrew Dakos and Steven Samuels own Bulldog Investors, LLC, a registered investment advisor. As of July 23, 2015, Bulldog Investors, LLC is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 4,298,173 shares of WHLR (representing 6.52% of WHLR's outstanding shares) solely by virtue of Bulldog Investors LLC's power to direct the vote of, and dispose of, these shares. These 4,298,173 shares of WHLR include 2,353,574 shares (representing 3.57% of WHLR's outstanding shares) that are beneficially owned by the following entities over which Messrs. Goldstein, Dakos and Samuels exercise control: Opportunity Partners LP, Calapasas West Partners LP, Full Value Special Situations Fund, LP, Full Value Offshore Fund, Ltd., Full Value Partners, LP, and MCM Opportunity Partners, LP (collectively, "Bulldog Investors Group of Funds"). Bulldog Investors Group of Funds may be deemed to constitute a group. All other shares included in the aforementioned 4,298,173 shares of WHLR beneficially owned by Bulldog Investors, LLC (solely by virtue of its power to sell or direct the vote of these shares) are also beneficially owned by clients of Bulldog Investors, LLC who are not members of any group. The total number of these "non-group" shares is 1,944,599 shares (representing 2.95% of WHLR's outstanding shares).

(b) Bulldog Investors, LLC has sole power to dispose of and vote 2,353,574 shares. Bulldog Investors, LLC has shared power to dispose of and vote 1,944,599 shares. Certain of Bulldog Investors, LLC's clients (none of whom beneficially own more than 5% of WHLR's shares) share this power with Bulldog Investors, LLC. Messrs. Goldstein, Dakos and Samuels are control persons of Bulldog Investors, LLC.

c) During the past 60 days the following shares of WHRL were received:

|         |           |      |                           |         |                         |
|---------|-----------|------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 6/11/15 | 2,200,000 | WHLR | received in exchange from | 4,400   | shares of Wheeler PFD C |
| 7/23/15 | 2,098,173 | WHLR | received in exchange from | 167,854 | shares of WHLRP         |

d) Clients of Bulldog Investors, LLC are entitled to receive any dividends or

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sales proceeds.

e) N/A

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.  
N/A

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS  
Exhibit 1

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge  
and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this  
statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: 7/27/2015

By: /S/ Phillip Goldstein  
Name: Phillip Goldstein

By: /S/ Andrew Dakos  
Name: Andrew Dakos

By: /S/ Steven Samuels  
Name: Steven Samuels

Bulldog Investors, LLC  
By: /s/ Andrew Dakos  
Andrew Dakos, Member

Footnote 1: The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership except  
to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

Exhibit 1:

Agreement to Make Joint Filing

Agreement made as of the 27th day of July, 2015, by and among  
Bulldog Investors, LLC, Phillip Goldstein, Andrew Dakos, and Steven Samuels.

WHEREAS, Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provides  
that whenever two or more persons are required to file a statement containing  
the information required by Schedule 13D with respect to the same securities,  
only one such statement need be filed, so long as, among other things, such  
filing includes as an exhibit an agreement among such persons that such a  
statement is filed on behalf of each of them;

WHEREAS, in connection with certain holdings of Wheeler Real Estate investment  
Trust (WHLR), each of the parties to this Agreement is required to file a  
statement containing the information required by Schedule 13D with respect to  
the same holdings of WHLR;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree that one statement containing the  
information required by Schedule 13D shall be filed on behalf of each party  
hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the parties  
hereto as of the day and year first written above.

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By:/s/ Phillip Goldstein  
Phillip Goldstein

By:/s/ Andrew Dakos  
Andrew Dakos

BULLDOG INVESTORS, LLC

By: /s/ Steven Samuels  
Steven Samuels

By: /s/ Andrew Dakos  
Andrew Dakos, Member