

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

**SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Equity Bancshares, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

29460X109  
(CUSIP Number)

December 11, 2015  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

<b>1</b>	<b>NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS</b> <b>I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)</b> EJF Capital LLC	
<b>2</b>	<b>CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3</b>	<b>SEC USE ONLY</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION</b> Delaware	
<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SOLE VOTING POWER</b> 0
	<b>6</b>	<b>SHARED VOTING POWER</b> 381,066
	<b>7</b>	<b>SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER</b> 0
	<b>8</b>	<b>SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER</b> 381,066
<b>9</b>	<b>AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON</b> 381,066	
<b>10</b>	<b>CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>11</b>	<b>PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)</b> 5.3% (1)	
<b>12</b>	<b>TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> IA	

- (1) Based on 7,150,017 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding, as reflected in the prospectus filed by the Issuer with the SEC on November 12, 2015 (indicating that the total amount of Class A Common Stock outstanding after the Issuer's initial public offering ("IPO"), and the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, would be 7,150,017 shares), and the Issuer's November 16, 2015 press release (indicating that the IPO had closed and the underwriters had fully exercised their option to purchase additional shares in the over-allotment).

<b>1</b>	<b>NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS</b> <b>I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)</b> Emanuel J. Friedman	
<b>2</b>	<b>CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3</b>	<b>SEC USE ONLY</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION</b> United States	
<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SOLE VOTING POWER</b> 0
	<b>6</b>	<b>SHARED VOTING POWER</b> 381,066
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<b>11</b>	<b>PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)</b> 5.3% (1)	
<b>12</b>	<b>TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> IN	

- (1) Based on 7,150,017 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding, as reflected in the prospectus filed by the Issuer with the SEC on November 12, 2015 (indicating that the total amount of Class A Common Stock outstanding after the Issuer's IPO, and the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, would be 7,150,017 shares), and the Issuer's November 16, 2015 press release (indicating that the IPO had closed and the underwriters had fully exercised their option to purchase additional shares in the over-allotment).

<b>1</b>	<b>NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)</b> EJF Financial Services Fund, LP	
<b>2</b>	<b>CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3</b>	<b>SEC USE ONLY</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION</b> Delaware	
<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SOLE VOTING POWER</b> 0
	<b>6</b>	<b>SHARED VOTING POWER</b> 381,066
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<b>11</b>	<b>PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)</b> 5.3% (1)	
<b>12</b>	<b>TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> PN	

- (1) Based on 7,150,017 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding, as reflected in the prospectus filed by the Issuer with the SEC on November 12, 2015 (indicating that the total amount of Class A Common Stock outstanding after the Issuer's IPO, and the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, would be 7,150,017 shares), and the Issuer's November 16, 2015 press release (indicating that the IPO had closed and the underwriters had fully exercised their option to purchase additional shares in the over-allotment).

<b>1</b>	<b>NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)</b> EJF Financial Services GP, LLC	
<b>2</b>	<b>CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3</b>	<b>SEC USE ONLY</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION</b> Delaware	
<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SOLE VOTING POWER</b> 0
	<b>6</b>	<b>SHARED VOTING POWER</b> 381,066
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<b>11</b>	<b>PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)</b> 5.3% (1)	
<b>12</b>	<b>TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)</b> CO	

- (1) Based on 7,150,017 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding, as reflected in the prospectus filed by the Issuer with the SEC on November 12, 2015 (indicating that the total amount of Class A Common Stock outstanding after the Issuer's IPO, and the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, would be 7,150,017 shares), and the Issuer's November 16, 2015 press release (indicating that the IPO had closed and the underwriters had fully exercised their option to purchase additional shares in the over-allotment).

**Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer**

Equity Bancshares, Inc.

**Item 1. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices**

7701 East Kellogg Drive  
Suite 200  
Wichita, KS 67207

**Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing**

This Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of the following persons (the "Reporting Persons")\*:

- (i) EJV Capital LLC;
- (ii) Emanuel J. Friedman;
- (iii) EJV Financial Services Fund, LP; and
- (iv) EJV Financial Services GP, LLC.

\*Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of an agreement among the Reporting Persons that this Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of each of them.

**Item 2. (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence**

EJV Capital LLC  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

Emanuel J. Friedman  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

EJV Financial Services Fund, LP  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

EJV Financial Services GP, LLC  
2107 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 410  
Arlington, VA 22201

**Item 2. (c) Citizenship**

See Item 4 of the attached cover pages.

**Item 2. (d) Title of Class of Securities**

Class A Common Stock ("Common Stock")

**Item 2. (e) CUSIP Number**

29460X109

**Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 4. Ownership**

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

See Item 9 of the attached cover pages.

(b) Percent of class:

See Item 11 of the attached cover pages.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Item 5 of the attached cover pages.

- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Item 6 of the attached cover pages.

- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition:

See Item 7 of the attached cover pages.

- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition:

See Item 8 of the attached cover pages.

EJF Financial Services Fund, LP is the record owner of the shares of Common Stock shown on item 9 of its cover page.

EJF Financial Services GP, LLC serves as the general partner of EJF Financial Services Fund, LP and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJF Financial Services Fund, LP is the record owner.

EJF Capital LLC is the sole member of EJF Financial Services GP, LLC, and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJF Financial Services GP, LLC may share beneficial ownership. Emanuel J. Friedman is the controlling member of EJF Capital LLC and may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock of which EJF Capital LLC may share beneficial ownership.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class**

Not Applicable.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

Not Applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 10. Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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**SIGNATURE**

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: December 17, 2015

**EJF CAPITAL LLC**

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson

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Name: Neal J. Wilson

Title: Chief Operating Officer

**EMANUEL J. FRIEDMAN**

By: /s/ Emanuel J. Friedman

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Name: Emanuel J. Friedman

**EJF FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND, LP**

By: EJV FINANCIAL SERVICES GP, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: EJV CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

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**EJV FINANCIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES GP, LLC**

By: EJV CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

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**EXHIBIT A**

The undersigned, EJV Capital LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Emanuel J. Friedman, EJV Financial Services Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and EJV Financial Services GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, hereby agree and acknowledge that the information required by this Schedule 13G, to which this Agreement is attached as an exhibit, is filed on behalf of each of them. The undersigned further agree that any further amendments or supplements thereto shall also be filed on behalf of each of them.

Dated: December 17, 2015

**EJV CAPITAL LLC**

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

**EMANUEL J. FRIEDMAN**

By: /s/ Emanuel J. Friedman  
Name: Emanuel J. Friedman

**EJV FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND, LP**

By: EJV FINANCIAL SERVICES GP, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: EJV CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

**EJV FINANCIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES GP, LLC**

By: EJV CAPITAL LLC  
Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson  
Name: Neal J. Wilson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer