

HILTON STEVEN J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
HILTON STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/13/2009

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

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE

(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

LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |   |                                  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |         |   |                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/13/2009                           |  | P                              |   | 60,000  | A  | \$ 3.86   | 212,433 | I | By Steven J. Hilton Family Trust |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 5,100   | D |                                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 136,548 | I | By SEH Investments, LLC          |
| Common                          |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 3,500   | I | By Shari                         |

|                 |  |       |   |                                  |
|-----------------|--|-------|---|----------------------------------|
| Stock           |  |       |   | Rachael<br>Hilton Trust          |
| Common<br>Stock |  | 3,500 | I | By Eva<br>Lauren<br>Hilton Trust |
| Common<br>Stock |  | 1,000 | I | By Natalie<br>Hilton Trust       |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Code   | V (A) (D)   |   |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |              |         |       |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |
| HILTON STEVEN J<br>C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION<br>2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE<br>LAS VEGAS, NV 89102 | X             |              |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons  
(Attorney-in-Fact) 11/16/2009

\*\*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).

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