

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
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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 \*  
 JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

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)  
 C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/30/2009

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

(Street)  
 LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

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

(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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	04/30/2009		J(1)	10,946	A	11	332,999	I	By the Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated March 7, 1989
Common Stock	04/30/2009		J(1)	17,410	D	11	214,928	I	By BG-05 Limited Partnership
Common Stock	04/30/2009		J(2)	421,747	D	2	0	I	By Boyd-05 Grantor

Common Stock	04/30/2009	J <sup>(3)</sup>	525,187	D	③	0	I	Retained Annuity Trust #2 By Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #3
Common Stock						72,010	D	
Common Stock						9,638	I	By William & Myong Boyd Children's Trust
Common Stock						257,143	I	By Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust, dated April 14, 2005

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE LAS VEGAS, NV 89102	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory F. Parisi,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/11/2009

        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).

- (1) On April 30, 2009, the BG-05 Limited Partnership distributed 10,772 shares to the Marianne Boyd Johnson-05 Western Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 (the "GRAT"), 174 shares to the Marianne E. Boyd Trust and an aggregate of 6,464 shares to two trusts over which Ms. Johnson has no investment or voting control. On May 1, 2009, the GRAT distributed 10,772 shares to the reporting person, who in turn transferred 10,772 shares to the Marianne E. Boyd Trust on May 4, 2009.
- (2) On April 30, 2009, the Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #2 distributed 421,747 shares to William S. Boyd.
- (3) On April 30, 2009, the Boyd-05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #3 distributed 525,187 shares to William S. Boyd.

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