Gault Jeffrey M Form 4 November 21, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gault Jeffrey M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Apollo Commercial Real Estate

Finance, Inc. [ARI]

(Check all applicable)

11/19/2018

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of Transactionr Disposed of (D) Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) **Following** or Indirect Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

or (D) Price Code V Amount

(Instr. 3 and 4)

\$ Common 11/19/2018 S 10,000 D Stock (1)

18.5221 37,156 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Gault Jeffrey M C/O APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019

X

Signatures

/s/ Jessica L. Lomm, as Attorney-in-Fact

11/21/2018

**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).

The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.50 to \$18.5650, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the **(1)** Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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