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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL] Ardrey J. Kelly Jr. (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE (Check all applicable) BANCORPORATION, Â ONE E WASHINGTON STREET, STE 10% Owner Director 1400 _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group SVP, Chief Accounting Officer Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person PHOENIX. AZÂ 85004 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 20,500 Common Stock 2,149 I By 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Ardrey J. Kelly Jr.

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION ONE E WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400 PHOENIX, AZÂ 85004

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SVP, Chief Accounting Officer Â

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons (Attorney-in-fact)

09/07/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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