ROTHSTEIN STUART

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ROTHSTEIN STUART** Issuer Symbol Apollo Commercial Real Estate (Check all applicable) Finance, Inc. [ARI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O APOLLO GLOBAL 01/15/2019 President & CEO MANAGEMENT, LLC, 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 7. Nature of Transactionr Disposed of (D) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership **Following** or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount \$ Common 01/15/2019 $S^{(1)}$ 40,000 D 17.4839 301,645 (3) D Stock (2)

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kciationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

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

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President & CEO

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Signatures

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

01/17/2019

**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) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the reporting person in 2018.
 - The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.40 to \$17.54, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the
- Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
 - As of the transaction date, reported amount includes 230,001 restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted under the Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one share
- (3) of the issuer's common stock for each vested RSU. The RSUs vest in installments in accordance with the terms of the applicable RSU Award Agreement by and between the reporting person and the issuer, provided the reporting person remains in service through the applicable vesting dates.

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