

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
October 08, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 5, 2009**

**WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**

**001-32550**

**88-0365922**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2700 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada**

**89102**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(702) 248-4200**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 5, 2009, Arthur Marshall notified the Company that he will retire from the Board of Directors of Western Alliance Bancorporation and its wholly-owned bank subsidiary, Bank of Nevada, effective October 31, 2009. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Marshall's retirement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by this reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**Exhibit No.    Description**

99.1            Press Release, dated October 8, 2009.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Date: October 8, 2009

By: /s/ Dale Gibbons  
Dale Gibbons  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release, dated October 8, 2009. |