#### JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

Form 4

September 18, 2012

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD			Symbol WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]						(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/14/2012						X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
	(Street)		4. If Amendmen Filed(Month/Day			_	al		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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)			3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securities Acquired (A our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price			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)	
Common Stock	09/14/2012			M		3,000	A	\$ 7.03	19,652	D		
Common Stock	09/14/2012			S		8,364	D	\$ 9.7012 (1)	11,288	D		
Common Stock	09/14/2012			S		23,256	D	\$ 9.7062 (2)	286,701	I	The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007	

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Common Stock	09/17/201	2	J <u>(3)</u> 1	14,066 <i>I</i>	A	\$ 0	300,767	I	The Marianne I Boyd Trust dated January 9, 2007		
Common Stock							257,143	I	The Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust, dated April 14, 2005		
Common Stock							184,796		BG-05 Limited Partnership	)	
Common Stock							14,612	I	The William an Myong Boyd Children's Trust	nd	
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			tive Securities Acquuts, calls, warrants,					d			
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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock	\$ 7.03	09/14/2012		M		3,000	12/18/2007	12/18/2012	Common Stock	3,000	

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

X

#### **Signatures**

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

09/18/2012

\*\*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 \$9.63 to \$9.79, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Western Alliance Bancorporation, any security holder of Western Alliance Bancorporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
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- On September 17, 2012, WAL-10, LLC, of which reporting person has no investment or voting control, transferred 14,066 shares to The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007.

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