

LAWRENCE JAMES G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LAWRENCE JAMES G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/15/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 ⁽²⁾	11/15/2010 ⁽³⁾		A	V Amount \$ 0	302,506	D	
Common Stock					20,424	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					4,340	I	Custodian For Son
Common Stock					10,297	I	Executor ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock					17,378	I	Executor - Mother's Estate ⁽⁵⁾

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Common Stock	2,108	I	Spouse And Self/custodians For Grandchildren
Common Stock	57,957	I	Trustee FBO Mother ⁽⁶⁾

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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	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
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 13.13	11/15/2010		A	5,703 <u>(1)</u>	11/15/2011	11/15/2020	Common Stock	5,703
Stock Options	\$ 17.03					11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	6,464
Stock Options	\$ 17.83					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,388
Stock Options	\$ 20.79					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	16,884
Stock Options	\$ 20.87					11/26/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	16,082
Stock Options	\$ 19.33					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	18,505
Stock Options	\$ 21.15					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	17,624
Stock Options	\$ 16.15					02/12/2009	02/12/2018	Common Stock	11,576

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAWRENCE JAMES G 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ JAMES G. LAWRENCE	11/17/2010
**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) ISOs granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.
- (2) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% dividend on April 14, 2010, issued May 21, 2010 to shareholders of record on May 7, 2010.
- (3) Restricted shares granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.
- (4) Mr. Lawrence is the Executor and 50% beneficiary of his father's Estate.
- (5) Mr. Lawrence is the Executor and 50% beneficiary of his Mother's Estate.
- (6) Mr. Lawrence is a trustee of a trust for the benefit of his mother, of which he is a 45% beneficiary; and his son a 10% beneficiary, of which Mr. Lawrence is the trustee. The reported amount reflects the total shares held in the trust.

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