

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)
 08/28/2009

____ 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	08/28/2009	08/28/2009	P	(A) or (D) A	2,971.138 <u>(1)</u> \$ 11.78	4,134.138 <u>(3)</u>	I Custodian For Son
Common Stock					283,662 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock					19,452	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					9,807	I	Executor
Common Stock					2,104	I	Spouse And Self/custodians For

Common Stock	30,359	I	Grandchildren Trustee FBO Mother ⁽²⁾
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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)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Options	\$ 17.8762					11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	6,156
Stock Options	\$ 18.7238					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	7,036
Stock Options	\$ 21.8286					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	16,080
Stock Options	\$ 21.9143					11/26/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	15,316
Stock Options	\$ 20.2952					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	17,624
Stock Options	\$ 22.2095					11/13/2007	11/13/2016	Common Stock	16,785
Stock Options	\$ 16.9619					02/12/2009	02/12/2018	Common Stock	11,025

Reporting Owners

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

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1455 VALLEY ROAD
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ M. NASETTE ARANDA, AS
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

09/01/2009

**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) Shares were purchased under Valley National Bancorp's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) 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 Mr. Lawrence and his son's shares of the trust.
- (3) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 14, 2009, issued on May 22, 2009 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2009.

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