

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 17, 2010

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\*

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, \$0.0001 par value per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

957638 10 9

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2009

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
  
- Rule 13d-1(c)

x Rule 13d-1(d)

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1  
Robert G. Sarver

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE (a)   
INSTRUCTIONS)\* (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF 2,985,141  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY

6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
EACH 2,985,141  
REPORTING -0-  
PERSON WITH

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
2,985,141

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
-0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING  
PERSON

2,985,141

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN 0  
SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED IN ROW (9)

4.1% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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(1) Based on 72,903,502 shares of the Western Alliance Bancorporation's common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2009.

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This Amendment No. 3 relates to the Statement of Acquisition of Beneficial Ownership on Schedule 13G filed by Robert G. Sarver with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2006 (the "Schedule 13G") and amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto on July 3, 2008 and Amendment No. 2 thereto on February 15, 2010. Amendment No. 2 failed to include the conformed signature of Mr. Sarver. The Schedule 13G is hereby amended to insert the conformed signature of Mr. Sarver, and is hereby restated in its entirety to read as set forth herein.

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Western Alliance Bancorporation

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

2700 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Robert G. Sarver

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office:

2700 W. Sahara Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

United States

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

Not applicable

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,985,141 shares

Mr. Sarver's share amount beneficially owned includes:

- (i) 2,375,816 shares held directly;
- (ii) 189,429 shares held by several trusts;
- (iii) 30,000 shares held by his spouse (Mr. Sarver disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares);
- (iv) 166,022 shares held by a limited partnership;
- (v) 192,500 shares subject to stock options held by Mr. Sarver that are exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof;  
and
- (vi) 31,374 shares held by a corporation.
  - (b) Percent of class: 4.1%
  - (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
    - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,985,141
    - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
    - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,985,141
    - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following x.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent

7. Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certifications.

Not applicable.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 17, 2010

/s/ Robert G. Sarver

Name:

Robert G. Sarver

Title

President, Chairman and  
Chief Executive Officer