

MORRISON WILLIAM L
 Form 5
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MORRISON WILLIAM L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**NORTHERN TRUST CORP
 [NTRS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2011

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President and COO

50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

___X___ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | 01/04/2011 | ^ | A ⁽¹⁾ | 0.512 A \$ 0 | 202.735 | I | By Son |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ ^ | 56,452.6246 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ ^ | 75,914 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ ^ | 1,200 | I | By Spouse |

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|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------------------|---|--------|
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 148 | I | By Son |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 2,542 ⁽³⁾ | I | 401(k) |

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MORRISON WILLIAM L 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603 | Â | Â | Â | President and COO |

Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki, Attorney-in-Fact for William L. Morrison
Date: 01/04/2012

__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).
- (1) Reflects .512 common shares of Issuer acquired in connection with a dividend reinvestment, which were acquired on January 4, 2011. This acquisition is reported on this Form 5 pursuant to Rule 16a-6.
- (2) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (3) as of 9/30/2011

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