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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cranch Laurence E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P. [AB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2010

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

General Counsel

C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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below)

NEW YORK, NY 10105

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year) 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) or Indirect **Following** Reported (I)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) (D) Code V Amount

Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

units rep. assignments

interests (1)

of beneficial 12/10/2010 owner. of lp

under employee incentive compensation award

by rabbi trust

7. Nature of

Indirect

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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other

Cranch Laurence E C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105

General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Laurence E. 12/20/2010 Cranch

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests in AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("Holding **(1)** Units").
- Reporting Person's 2010 incentive compensation award was made in the form of Holding Units. He therefore may be deemed to have acquired 47,376 Holding Units. These Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under the incentive compensation award program until they vest and are distributed to Reporting Person. The award vests (subject to various agreements and covenants set forth in the award agreement) in equal annual increments on each of December 1, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- The price reflected in the table is the closing price of a Holding Unit as reported for New York Stock Exchange composite transactions on December 10, 2010, the date the award was approved by the Compensation Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Directors of AllianceBernstein Corporation. This form was not filed within 48 hours of the grant date because, on that date, the Committee authorized our Chief Executive Officer to finalize the exact amount of the award at a later date; our CEO finalized the award on December 16, 2010.

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(4) Total includes 436 Holding Units acquired through quarterly distribution reinvestment.

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