

SMITH DAVID BYRON JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SMITH DAVID BYRON JR

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)  
50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/17/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	04/17/2012		A		1,920.2	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					1,920.2	(2)	D
Common Stock					15,474	(2)	D
Common Stock					1,362,880	I	By Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock					1,064	I	By Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock					1,064	I	By Trust <sup>(5)</sup>

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Common Stock 1,064 I By Trust (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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

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

SMITH DAVID BYRON JR 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603 X

Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki, Attorney-in-Fact for David H.B. Smith, Jr. 04/19/2012 \*\*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) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (2) On April 18, 2012, 1,849.19 already reported and vested stock units were distributed as common stock directly to the reporting person. The fractional share was paid in cash.
- (3) These shares are held in a trust of which reporting person has a partial direct pecuniary interest.

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- (4) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's minor child, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.
- (5) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's minor child, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.
- (6) These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's minor child, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

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