

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/20/2012

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

50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/20/2012		G	V 558 A \$ 0	1,622 (1)	I	By Trust (2)
Common Stock	04/20/2012		G	V 558 A \$ 0	1,622 (1)	I	By Trust (3)
Common Stock	04/20/2012		G	V 558 A \$ 0	1,622 (1)	I	By Trust (4)
Common Stock (5)					1,920.2	D	
Common Stock					15,474	D	

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Common Stock 1,362,880 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. 04/20/2012

\*\*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) On April 20, 2012, 558 shares of NTRS were gifted to each of the reporting person's three minor children by individuals not subject to Section 16 reporting requirements.
- (2) Shares are held in a trust established for the benefit of reporting person's minor child, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.
- (3) Shares are held in a trust established for the benefit of reporting person's minor child, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

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- (4) Shares are held in a trust established for the benefit of reporting person's minor child, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.
- (5) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (6) These shares are held in a trust of which reporting person has a partial direct pecuniary interest.

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