NORTHERN TRUST CORP

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SMITHBURG WILLIAM D			Symbol NORTHERN TRUST CORP [NTRS]				Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2008			_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
CHICAGO, IL 60603							Person Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4)	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Common Stock (1)							8,823	D	
	Common Stock							4,200	D	
	Common Stock							4,100	I	By LLC

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	09/30/2008	A	286	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	286	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SMITHBURG WILLIAM D 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603	X					

Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki Attorney-in-Fact for William D.
Smithburg

**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) 1-for-1
- (3) The stock units will be paid in cash to the Director upon termination of the Director's service on the Board.

Stock units representing the deferral of a common stock grant (1997 Northern Trust Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for

(4) Non-Employee Directors), deferral of the quarterly retainer, and deferral of board and committee fees pursuant to the Northern Trust Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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