

BARRAT SHERRY S
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FORM 4

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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 *
BARRAT SHERRY S

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)
01/17/2012

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

CHICAGO, IL 60603

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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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/17/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	35,614 D \$ 32.61	71,155	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/17/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	35,614 D \$ 42.61	35,541	I	By Trust
Common Stock ⁽²⁾					64,002	D	
Common Stock					24,400	I	GRAT
Common Stock					6,558 ⁽³⁾	I	401(k)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 32.61	01/17/2012	01/17/2012	M ⁽¹⁾	35,614	⁽⁴⁾ 02/18/2013	Common Stock	35,614

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARRAT SHERRY S 50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603			Vice Chairman	

Signatures

Paul Bernacki, Attorney-in-Fact for Sherry S. Barrat	01/17/2012
**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) This option exercise and sale were made pursuant to a written plan adopted in accordance with SEC Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) Represents stock units payable automatically on a 1-for-1 basis in shares of the Corporation's common stock.
- (3) as of 12/31/11
- (4) All options being reported on this Form 4 were exercisable on or before 2/18/2006.

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