## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Kukla Richard D.			<ul><li>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</li><li>(Month/Day/Year)</li></ul>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHERN TRUST CORP [NTRS]				
(Last) 50 S. LASA	(First)	(Middle)	05/01/2012	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
50 S. LASA	(Street)			Director		Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
CHICAGO, IL 60603			XOfficerO (give title below) (specify Controller				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*	
Common St	ock (1)		3,843		D	Â		
Common St	ock		29,486		D	Â		
Common St	ock		10,451 (2)		Ι	401(	k)	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

January 31,

2005

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	( <u>3)</u>	05/20/2012	Common Stock	1,668	\$ 52.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(3)	05/20/2012	Common Stock	3,332	\$ 52.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(4)	02/18/2013	Common Stock	1,892	\$ 32.615	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(4)	02/18/2013	Common Stock	344	\$ 32.615	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(5)	02/17/2014	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 49.12	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(6)	02/15/2015	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 44.465	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(7)	02/21/2016	Common Stock	1,152	\$ 52.095	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(8)	02/20/2017	Common Stock	1,421	\$ 63.36	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(9)	02/19/2018	Common Stock	1,475	\$ 71.23	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(10)	02/16/2019	Common Stock	2,302	\$ 55.39	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(11)	02/15/2020	Common Stock	2,942	\$ 50.99	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(12)	02/14/2021	Common Stock	2,850	\$ 52.64	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right-to-buy)	(13)	02/13/2022	Common Stock	2,291	\$ 43.65	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	Director 10% Owner Officer		Other		
Kukla Richard D. 50 S. LASALLE STREET CHICAGO. IL 60603	Â	Â	Controller	Â		

# Signatures

Paul A. Bernacki, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard D. Kukla

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

05/03/2012 Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) as of 3/31/12
- (3) This option became excercisable in three annual installments beginning 5/20/2003.
- (4) This option became excercisable in three annual installments beginning 2/18/2004.
- (5) This option became excercisable in four annual installments beginning 2/17/2005.
- (6) This option became excercisable100% on March 31, 2005
- (7) This option became excercisable in four annual installments beginning 2/21/2007.
- (8) This option became excercisable in four annual installments beginning 2/20/2008.
- (9) This option became excercisable in four annual installments beginning 2/19/2009.
- (10) This option became excercisable in four annual installments beginning 2/16/2010.
- (11) This option became excercisable in four annual installments beginning 2/15/2011.
- (12) This option became excercisable in four annual installments beginning 2/14/2012.
- (13) This option became excercisable in four annual installments beginning 2/13/2013.

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