

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form S-1/A

June 27, 2005

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Registration No. 333-124406

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

**Amendment No. 3
to
Form S-1
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

6022

*(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)*

88-0365922

*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)*

**2700 West Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
Telephone: (702) 248-4200**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Robert Sarver
President, Chief Executive Officer
2700 West Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
Telephone: (702) 248-4200**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable on or after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, check the following box.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 3 is being filed solely for the purpose of filing Exhibits 4.1, 5.1 and 23.2. No change is made to the preliminary prospectus constituting Part I of the Registration Statement or Items 13, 14, 15 or 17 of Part II of the Registration Statement.

PART II
INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) The following exhibits are filed herewith:

- 1.1 Form of Underwriting Agreement.
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.
- 3.2 Amended and Restated By-Laws.
- 4.1 Form of common stock certificate.
- 5.1 Opinion of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P.
- 9.1 Voting Agreement by and among Western Alliance Bancorporation, William S. Boyd, as trustee of the William S. Boyd Trust and the stockholders of Western Alliance Bancorporation who are signatories thereto, as amended.
- 10.1 Western Alliance Bancorporation 2005 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 10.3 Form of BankWest of Nevada Incentive Stock Option Plan Agreement.
- 10.4 Form of Western Alliance Incentive Stock Option Plan Agreement.
- 10.5 Form of Western Alliance 2002 Stock Option Plan Agreement.
- 10.6 Form of Western Alliance 2002 Stock Option Plan Agreement (with double trigger acceleration clause).
- 10.7 Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Western Alliance Bancorporation and the following directors and officers: Messrs. Baker, Beach, Boyd, Cody, Froeschle, Gibbons, Hilton, Lundy, Mack, A. Marshall, T. Marshall, Nigro, Sarver, Snyder, Wall and Woodrum, Drs. Nagy and Nave, and Ms. Boyd Johnson and Mahan.
- 10.8 Form of Non-Competition Agreement by and between Western Alliance Bancorporation and the following directors and officers: Messrs. Froeschle, Sarver, Lundy, Snyder and Woodrum.
- 10.9 Form of Warrant to purchase shares of Western Alliance Bancorporation common stock, dated December 12, 2002, together with a schedule of warrant holders.
- 10.10 Directors Fee Schedule.
- 10.11 Summary of Compensation Arrangements with Named Executive Officers.
- 21.1 List of Subsidiaries of Western Alliance Bancorporation.
- 23.1 Consent of McGladrey & Pullen, LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on Signature Page).

Previously filed.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules

All schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulation of the SEC are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and therefore have been omitted.

SIGNATURES AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Las Vegas, State of Nevada, on June 27, 2005.

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert Sarver

Robert Sarver
Chairman of the Board; President and
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Name	Title	Date
/s/ Robert Sarver	Chairman of the Board; President and Chief Executive Officer	June 27, 2005
Robert Sarver	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Dale Gibbons	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	June 27, 2005
Dale Gibbons	(Principal Financial Officer)	
/s/ Terry A. Shirey	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	June 27, 2005
Terry A. Shirey		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Paul Baker		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Bruce Beach		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
William S. Boyd		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Steve Hilton		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Marianne Boyd Johnson		

*	Director	June 27, 2005
Cary Mack		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Arthur Marshall		

Name	Title	Date
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Todd Marshall		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
M. Nafees Nagy, M.D.		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
James Nave, D.V.M		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Edward Nigro		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Donald Snyder		
*	Director	June 27, 2005
Larry Woodrum		
/s/ Dale Gibbons		
Dale Gibbons Attorney-In-Fact		

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