

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
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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 *
JURIS LESLIE NATHANSON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
[ASCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/20/2008

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

3773 HOWARD HUGHES
PKWY, SUITE 490S

(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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	06/20/2008		A	7,500	\$ 0	7,500 ⁽¹⁾	D

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)

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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)

Table with columns: Stock Options (Right to buy), Conversion Price (\$17.23), Transaction Date (06/20/2008), Transaction Code (A), Number of Securities (7,500), Date Exercisable (06/19/2009(2)), Expiration Date (06/20/2018), Title (Common Stock), and Amount or Number of Shares (7,500).

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for JURIS LESLIE NATHANSON, 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S, LAS VEGAS, NV 89169, with 10% Owner relationship marked with an X.

Signatures

Peter C. Walsh, Attorney-in-Fact, 06/24/2008
**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).
(3) Securities owned by the Hervey Juris and Leslie Nathanson Juris Revocable Trust, of which Ms. Nathanson Juris and her husband are co-trustees.
(2) Option vests in four equal, annual installments commencing on June 19, 2009.
(1) Constitutes a grant of restricted stock units, each of which represents a right to receive one share of common stock. The restricted stock units vest in four equal, annual installments commencing on June 19, 2009.

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