

Stricker Robert  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Stricker Robert

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/ [HMN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2009

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

11 ALDEN RD.

(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

GREENWICH, CT 06831

(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)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A)    | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date           | Title           | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of S |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--|------|---|--------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                | 12/31/2009       |  | A    |   | 11.234 |     | 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup> | Common<br>Stock | 11.                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stricker Robert<br>11 ALDEN RD.<br>GREENWICH, CT 06831 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Ann M. Caparros, Attorney in Fact for Robert Stricker  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

01/05/2010  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Common Stock.
- (2) The phantom stock units are estimated based on the market price of Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock and are to be settled in Common Stock pursuant to the Horace Mann Educators Corporation Deferred Equity Compensation Plan for Directors.

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