

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP  
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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 \*  
**WILLIS CHARLES F IV**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP [wlfc]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

773 SAN MARIN DRIVE, SUITE 2215

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

(Street)  
NOVATO, CA 94998

(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) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/09/2012                           | 01/09/2012   | M                              | V   | 1,600<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 4.68 661,910                                       | D |
| Common Stock                    | 01/09/2012                           | 01/09/2012   | S                              | V   | 1,600<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 12.2431 660,310                                    | D |
| Common Stock                    | 01/10/2012                           | 01/10/2012   | M                              | V   | 1,000<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 4.68 661,310                                       | D |
| Common Stock                    | 01/10/2012                           | 01/10/2012   | S                              | V   | 1,000<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 12.3423 660,310                                    | D |

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|              |           |   |                         |
|--------------|-----------|---|-------------------------|
| Common Stock | 2,196,447 | I | CFW Partners            |
| Common Stock | 4,489     | I | Son <sup>(4)</sup>      |
| Common Stock | 4,489     | I | Daughter <sup>(5)</sup> |

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 (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 |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 4.68  | 01/09/2012                           | 01/09/2012   | M                              | V 1,600   | 05/08/2003 05/08/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 1,600                      |                            |
| Non-qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 4.68  | 01/10/2012                           | 01/10/2012   | M                              | V 1,000   | 05/08/2003 05/08/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILLIS CHARLES F IV<br>773 SAN MARIN DRIVE<br>SUITE 2215<br>NOVATO, CA 94998 | X             | X         | CEO     |       |

## Signatures

Charles F.  
Willis IV

01/12/2012

\_\_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) Shares acquired and sold pursuant to 10b5-1 transaction

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$12.13 to \$12.29. The price report above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$12.29 to \$12.40. The price report above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(4) Charles F. Willis V Trust

(5) JTWROS

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