

BERNICK CAROL L  
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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 \*  
BERNICK CAROL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ALBERTO-CULVER  
COMPANY, 2525 ARMITAGE  
AVENUE

(Street)

MELROSE PARK, IL 60160

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/23/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	
Common Stock					240,030	I	FN1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					1,357,331	I	FN2 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					5,762,530	I	FN3 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock					150,300	I	FN4 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock					723,843	I	FN5 <sup>(5)</sup>

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Common Stock						13,359	I	FN6 <sup>(6)</sup>		
Common Stock						500,000	I	FN7 <sup>(7)</sup>		
Common Stock						609,859	I	FN8 <sup>(8)</sup>		
Common Stock	09/23/2009		G	V	52,073	D	<u>9</u>	0	I	FN9 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock						853,870	I	FN10 <sup>(10)</sup>		
Common Stock						151,858	I	FN11 <sup>(11)</sup>		
Common Stock						173,791	I	FN12 <sup>(12)</sup>		
Common Stock						359,068	I	FN 13 <sup>(13)</sup>		
Common Stock						132,163	I	FN14 <sup>(14)</sup>		
Common Stock						215,979	I	FN15 <sup>(15)</sup>		
Common Stock						33,000	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)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERNICK CAROL L C/O ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY 2525 ARMITAGE AVENUE MELROSE PARK, IL 60160	X	X	Executive Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Carol L.  
Bernick

10/16/2009

\_\_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) Held by the undersigned as co-trustee of three trusts dated 11/14/89, each holding 80,010 shares and each for the benefit of a different relative\*\*\*
- (2) Held by the undersigned as co-trustee of a trust dated 10/31/98 for the benefit of her sister.\*\*\*
- (3) Held by the undersigned as trustee of a trust dated 4/23/93 for her benefit.
- (4) Held by the undersigned as trustee of a trust dated 10/20/72 for her benefit.
- (5) Held by the undersigned as trustee of a trust dated 9/15/93 for her benefit.
- (6) Held by the undersigned as a participant in the Alberto-Culver 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan. Represents equivalent shares calculated by taking the account balance in the Alberto-Culver Company Stock Fund divided by the closing stock price on September 17, 2009 of \$27.48.
- (7) Held by the undersigned as co-trustee of a trust dated 12/18/87 for the benefit of her father.\*\*\*
- (8) Held by the undersigned as co-trustee of a trust dated 9/18/01 for her benefit.
- (9) Gifted by the undersigned as trustee of a trust dated 8/31/07 for her benefit, which trust is a Grantor Annuity Trust.
- (10) Held by the undersigned as trustee of a trust dated 9/23/09 for her benefit, which trust is a Grantor Annuity Trust.
- (11) Held by the undersigned as co-trustee of a trust dated 10/29/08 for the benefit of her father, which trust is a Grantor Annuity Trust.\*\*\*
- (12) Held by the undersigned as trustee of a trust dated 2/27/09 for her benefit, which trust is a Grantor Annuity Trust.
- (13) Held by the undersigned as trustee of a trust dated 10/30/08 for her benefit, which trust is a Grantor Annuity Trust.
- (14) Held by the undersigned as co-trustee of a trust dated 2/27/09 for the benefit of her father, which trust is a Grantor Annuity Trust. \*\*\*
- (15) Held by the undersigned as co-trustee of a trust dated 9/28/09 for the benefit of her father, which trust is a Grantor Annuity Trust.\*\*\*

### Remarks:

\*\*\*The filing of this report shall not be deemed an admission by the undersigned that she is the beneficial owner of these securities.

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