

NEILSEN ESTATE OF CRAIG H  
Form SC 13D/A  
April 22, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13D/A**

(Rule 13d-101)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)  
UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Amendment No. 6) <sup>(1)</sup>

**AMERISTAR CASINOS, INC.**

(Name of Issuer)

**COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

**03070Q 10 1**  
(CUSIP Number)

**PETER C. WALSH**

**3773 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY, SUITE 490S**

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89169**

**(702) 567-7000**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized

to Receive Notices and Communications)

**April 19, 2011**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box. "

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The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 Estate of Craig H. Neilsen  
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

5 OO (1)  
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States  
7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF  
SHARES 4,808,400  
8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 0  
9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH  
REPORTING

PERSON 4,808,400  
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH

11 0  
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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4,808,400

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* ..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

14.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

OO (2)

- (1) The securities beneficially owned by the Estate of Craig H. Neilsen (the Estate ) were acquired as a result of the death of Craig H. Neilsen on November 19, 2006. The securities were acquired by the Estate by operation of law upon Craig H. Neilsen s death. Therefore, this item is not applicable.
- (2) The Reporting Person is an estate to which the securities reported herein passed upon the death of Craig H. Neilsen.

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Ray H. Neilsen

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO (3)

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

7  SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

204,169 (4)

SHARES

8  SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

4,808,400 (5)

9  SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH  
REPORTING

PERSON

204,169 (4)

10  SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

4,808,400 (5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,012,569

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* ..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

15.5%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

- (3) Ray H. Neilsen is a co-personal representative and co-executor of the Estate. The securities beneficially owned by the Estate were acquired as a result of the death of Craig H. Neilsen. The securities were acquired by the Estate by operation of law upon Craig H. Neilsen's death. Therefore, this item is not applicable.
- (4) Includes 130,963 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days. These options have been granted pursuant to standard Company option plans.
- (5) Includes 4,808,400 shares held by the Estate.

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Gordon R. Kanofsky

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO (6)

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

7  SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

60,500 (7)

SHARES

8  SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

5,265,084 (8)

9  SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH  
REPORTING

PERSON

60,500 (7)

10  SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

5,265,084 (8)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,325,584

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* ..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

16.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

- (6) Gordon R. Kanofsky is a co-personal representative and co-executor of the Estate. The securities beneficially owned by the Estate were acquired as a result of the death of Craig H. Neilsen. The securities were acquired by the Estate by operation of law upon Craig H. Neilsen's death. Therefore, this item is not applicable.
- (7) Consists of 60,500 shares that may become distributable to Mr. Kanofsky within 60 days under certain circumstances with respect of vested restricted stock units. These restricted stock units have been granted pursuant to standard Company compensation plans.
- (8) Includes 4,808,400 shares held by the Estate. Also includes 64,381 shares held by the Kanofsky Family Trust Dated January 27, 1998 (the Kanofsky Trust ), of which Mr. Kanofsky and his spouse are co-trustees, and 391,303 shares subject to options which are exercisable within 60 days, which options are also held by the Kanofsky Trust. These options have been granted pursuant to standard Company option plans. Also includes 1,000 shares held by the Kanofsky Family Trust Dated June 8, 1989, as amended, of which Mr. Kanofsky and his brother are co-trustees.



This Amendment No. 6 amends and supplements the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 15, 2006, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto, filed with the SEC on October 22, 2007, Amendment No. 2 thereto, filed with the SEC on June 2, 2008, Amendment No. 3 thereto, filed with the SEC on March 1, 2011, amendment No. 4 thereto, filed with the SEC on March 28, 2011, and Amendment No. 5 thereto, filed with the SEC on April 20, 2011 (together, the "Schedule 13D"), by the Estate of Craig H. Nielsen, Ray H. Nielsen and Gordon R. Kanofsky, with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Ameristar Casinos, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Company"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

**ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.**

Item 5(c) of this Schedule 13D is hereby amended to include the following information:

- (c) Amendment No. 5 to this Schedule 13D, filed with the SEC on April 20, 2011, incorrectly indicated that the entries in the table included in response to Item 5(c) represented purchase transactions. However, such entries actually represented sale transactions, and the table is hereby amended and restated as follows:

Shares of Common Stock Sold	Average Price per Share	Date of Sale
3,147	\$17.750	3/30/2011
18,253	\$17.797	3/31/2011
33,287	\$18.259	4/1/2011
55,264	\$18.507	4/4/2011
126,202	\$18.813	4/5/2011
66,355	\$18.930	4/6/2011
51,800	\$18.878	4/7/2011
41,217	\$18.713	4/8/2011
41,100	\$18.849	4/11/2011
25,551	\$18.550	4/12/2011
35,929	\$18.447	4/13/2011
36,629	\$18.262	4/14/2011
35,266	\$18.390	4/15/2011

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 22, 2011

ESTATE OF CRAIG H. NEILSEN

By: /s/ RAY H. NEILSEN

Name: Ray H. Neilsen

Title: Co-Personal Representative

By: /s/ GORDON R. KANOFSKY

Name: Gordon R. Kanofsky

Title: Co-Personal Representative

/s/ RAY H. NEILSEN

RAY H. NEILSEN

/s/ GORDON R. KANOFSKY

GORDON R. KANOFSKY

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
1	Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2006, by and among the Estate of Craig H. Neilsen, Ray H. Neilsen and Gordon R. Kanofsky (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 to the Schedule 13D filed by the Estate of Craig H. Neilsen, Ray H. Neilsen and Gordon R. Kanofsky with the SEC on December 15, 2006).
2	Letter Agreement, dated February 27, 2011, by and between the Estate of Craig H. Neilsen and Ameristar Casinos, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2 to Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D filed by the Estate of Craig H. Neilsen, Ray H. Neilsen and Gordon R. Kanofsky with the SEC on March 1, 2011).
3	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated March 25, 2011, by and between the Estate of Craig H. Neilsen and Ameristar Casinos, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Ameristar Casinos, Inc. with the SEC on March 28, 2011).