

GERKEN R JAY  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GERKEN R JAY			(Month/Day/Year)		Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc. [DMO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/23/2010		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
620 EIGHTH AVENUE,Â 49TH FLOOR					5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)					(Check all applicable)	
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10018					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) CEO and Pres. of Fund / CEO and Pres. of Manager	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	0 <sup>(1)</sup>	D <sup>(1)</sup>	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GERKEN R JAY 620 EIGHTH AVENUE 49TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10018	X	^	^ CEO and Pres. of Fund	CEO and Pres. of Manager

## Signatures

/s/ William J. Renahan by Power of Attorney for R. Jay Gerken 02/23/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The Reporting Person does not beneficially own any securities of the issuer, directly or indirectly.

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