

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
December 17, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 17, 2009

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

000-50831
(Commission

File Number)

1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive office)

63-0589368
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 944-1300

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 17, 2009, the Board of Directors (Board) of Regions Financial Corporation (Regions) elected O.B. Grayson Hall, Jr. to succeed C. Dowd Ritter as Chief Executive Officer of Regions, effective as of Mr. Ritter 's retirement on March 31, 2010.

Mr. Ritter will also retire from the Board on March 31, 2010. The Board has appointed Earnest W. Deavenport, Jr., currently Lead Independent Director of the Board, to serve as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board upon Mr. Ritter 's retirement.

Mr. Hall, 52, will continue to serve as President and as a director of Regions. Mr. Hall has been with Regions or its predecessor companies since 1980. Prior to assuming his current titles of President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Hall served as Head of the General Bank Group of Regions and Regions Bank. He was previously the Senior Executive Vice President, General Bank Group of Regions and Regions Bank and Senior Executive Vice President and Lines of Business/Operations and Technology Group Head of AmSouth Bancorporation and AmSouth Bank. Mr. Hall also serves as a director of Zep, Inc.

A copy of the press release announcing the event described above is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this report by reference.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of December 17, 2009

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ JOHN D. BUCHANAN
Name: **John D. Buchanan**

Title: **Senior Executive Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary**

Date: December 17, 2009