

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2008

**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): **September 18, 2008**

**STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-9305	43-1273600
(State of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**One Financial Plaza  
501 North Broadway  
St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2102**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(314) 342-2000**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

The Company is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K solely to add an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-147515).

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

See exhibit index.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: September 18, 2008

By: /s/ Ronald J. Kruszewski

Name: Ronald J. Kruszewski

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
5.1	Opinion of Bryan Cave LLP