COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR CO Form 8-K August 15, 2012

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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):

August 15, 2012

# **Columbia Sportswear Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Commission

(I.R.S. Employer

(State or other jurisdiction

| of incorporation)   | File Number) 14375 Northwest Science Park Drive      | Identification No.)      |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| Portland, Oregon 97229  |  |                          |
| (Address of principal executive offices)  |  |                          |
| (503) 985-4000  |  |                          |
| (Registrant s telephone number, including area code)(Zip Code)  |  |                          |
| (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)   |  |                          |
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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

(b)
On August 15, 2012 Michael W. McCormick indicated his intent to terminate his position as Columbia Sportswear Company s (the Company )
Executive Vice President of Global Sales and Marketing, and, for personal reasons, he will terminate employment with the Company. Timothy
Boyle, the Company s President and Chief Executive Officer, will be assuming Mr. McCormick s former duties on an interim basis.

Upon termination and subject to Mr. McCormick s agreement to release any claims against the Company and various other conditions, Mr. McCormick will be entitled to receive compensation and other specified benefits in accordance with the Company s Change In Control Severance Plan.

(e)
The information set forth under Item 5.02(b) above relating to the severance benefits payable to Mr. McCormick, subject to the terms of the Company s Change In Control Severance Plan, is incorporated into this Item 5.02(e) by reference.

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#### **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.

#### **Columbia Sportswear Company**

Date: August 15, 2012 By: /s/ Peter J. Bragdon Name: Peter J. Bragdon

Title: Senior Vice President of Legal and Corporate Affairs,

General Counsel and Secretary