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STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. Form 8-K December 23, 2004

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 23, 2004

Delaware 0-23702 13-3588231

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

52-16 Barnett Avenue, Long Island City, New York 11104

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (718) 446-1800

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

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On December 23, 2004, Steven Madden, Ltd. (the "Company") issued a press release to announce that the Outside Directors of the Company had sent a letter dated December 23, 2004 to Barington Capital Group, L.P. ("Barington") in response to a letter dated December 13, 2004 that was sent to the Company from Barington and was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Exhibit 99.4 to Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D filed by Barington with respect to the Company. The press release includes the full text of the letter sent on December 23, 2004 by the Outside Directors of the Company to Barington. A copy of the December 23, 2004 press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01(c) Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated December 23, 2004 regarding the letter sent to Barrington from the Outside Directors of the Company on December 23, 2004 and including the full text of that letter.

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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.

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD.

By: /s/ JAMIESON KARSON

Name: Jamieson Karson

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer

Date: December 23, 2004