

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 16, 2006

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): **May 9, 2006**

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of incorporation)

1-9305

(Commission File Number)

43-1273600

(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**

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N/A

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(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):

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

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Item 5.02 Departure of Director or Principal Officer; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officer.

(b) Effective at the Stifel Financial Corp. annual meeting of shareholders held on May 9, 2006, Walter F. Imhoff has retired from the Stifel Financial Corp. board of directors. Mr. Imhoff did not stand for re-election due to the company's mandatory retirement age for the board of directors. Mr. Imhoff has served as a Director of Stifel Financial Corp. and Senior Vice President of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Stifel Financial Corp.'s principal subsidiary, since 2000. Mr. Imhoff will continue as Senior Vice President of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.

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: May 15, 2006

By: /s/ James M. Zemlyak

Name: James M. Zemlyak

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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