

Columbia Equity Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-A12B  
June 17, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**COLUMBIA EQUITY TRUST, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland

20-1978579

(State of Incorporation)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1750 H Street, N.W. Suite 500  
Washington, D.C.

20006

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates (if applicable): File No. 333-122644.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class  
to be so Registered

Name of Each Exchange on Which  
Each Class is to be Registered:

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

This filing relates to the New York Stock Exchange Original Listing Application filed by the Company on May 17, 2005.

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

A description of Columbia Equity Trust, Inc. common stock is set forth under the caption "Description of Capital Stock" in the Prospectus contained in the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-122644), as initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 9, 2005, as amended (the "Registration Statement"). Such portion of the Registration Statement is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

Not applicable.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

**COLUMBIA EQUITY TRUST, INC.**

Date: June 16, 2005

By: /s/ John M. Novack  
Name: John M. Novack  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief  
Accounting Officer