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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.**

On December 18, 2008, Regions Financial Corporation (Regions) announced that O.B. Grayson Hall, Jr. was elected to its Board of Directors and promoted to the position of vice chairman in addition to his position as senior executive vice president. Mr. Hall was also elected a director and vice chairman of Regions Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Regions. In connection with these events, Mr. Hall s base salary will be increased to \$730,000 and his target annual incentive opportunity for 2009 will be increased to 140% of base salary. For additional information, see the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of December 18, 2008

SIGNATURES

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.

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John D. Buchanan

Name: John D. Buchanan

Title: Senior Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

Date: December 22, 2008