

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 19, 2012

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**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): **March 19, 2012**

**STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation)

**001-09305**

(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**

**N/A**

(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 19, 2012, Stifel Financial Corp. (the "Company") (NYSE: SF) announced a settlement with five Wisconsin school districts in a lawsuit that the districts filed in 2008 over investments that were created by Royal Bank of Canada (NYSE: RY) and purchased by the districts when the Company acted as the districts' public finance investment banker. The five school districts are Kenosha Unified School District, Kimberly School District, School District of Waukesha, West Allis/West Milwaukee School District, and Whitefish Bay School District.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)

*Exhibits.*

**Exhibit No.**

**Description of Exhibit**

99.1 Press release dated March 19, 2012.

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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.

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: March 19, 2012

By:

/s/ Ronald J. Kruszewski

Ronald J. Kruszewski

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

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