

REDWOOD TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
November 23, 2007

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 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): **November 23, 2007**

**REDWOOD TRUST, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-13759**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**68-0329422**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Belvedere Place, Suite 300**  
**Mill Valley, California 94941**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(415) 389-7373**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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)
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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))
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**Item 8.01.**

**Other Events.**

On November 23, 2007, we filed a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-147604) and a prospectus supplement to the prospectus contained in the registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The prospectus supplement was filed in connection with our Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan under which we are offering 10,000,000 shares of our common stock.

In connection with the filing of the prospectus supplement, we are filing as Exhibit 5.1 hereto an opinion of our counsel, Venable LLP, regarding the validity of the securities being registered. Additionally, in connection with the filing of the prospectus supplement, we are filing as Exhibit 8.1 hereto an opinion of our counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP, with respect to tax matters.

**Item 9.01.**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)

Exhibits

5.1

Opinion of Venable LLP.

8.1

Opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP.

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**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.

**REDWOOD TRUST, INC.**

Dated: November 23, 2007

By: /s/ Harold F. Zagunis

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Harold F. Zagunis  
Vice President

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