

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2005

# 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):

April 29, 2005

## WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-13913**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**51-0261715**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6300 Lamar Avenue**

**Overland Park, Kansas 66202**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(913) 236-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Registrant's Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - o 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**

Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. is furnishing this Current Report on Form 8-K in order to furnish to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a statement issued by the Company on April 29, 2005. A copy of the statement being furnished is included herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated April 29, 2005 titled *Waddell & Reed Settles NASD, Torchmark Litigation (furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended).*

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: April 29, 2005

By: */s/ Daniel P. Connealy*  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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