

SUNTRUST BANKS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 09, 2011

**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) August 9, 2011

**SunTrust Banks, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-08918  
(Commission  
File Number)

58-1575035  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**303 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (404) 588-7711**

**30308**

**(Zip Code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(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):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective August 9, 2011, the Board of Directors of SunTrust Banks, Inc. (the Registrant ) appointed David M. Ratcliffe to the Board. The Registrant also issued a news release announcing the appointment, which the Registrant files as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and which is incorporated herein by reference. The Board assigned Mr. Ratcliffe to serve on its Risk Committee and its Compensation Committee. The Board also reassigned incumbent director William A. Linnenbringer from its Risk Committee and its Compensation Committee to its Governance & Nominating Committee and its Audit Committee.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

In connection with the offering of the Global Medium-Term Notes, Series A (the Notes ) of the Registrant pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-161712), the legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes is being filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

- 5.1 Opinion of King & Spalding LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of King & Spalding LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 99.1 News release dated August 9, 2011.

**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.

SUNTRUST BANKS, INC.

Date: August 9, 2011

By: /s/ David A. Wisniewski  
David A. Wisniewski  
Group Vice President and Associate General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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