

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL INC  
Form 8-K  
May 16, 2006

**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): **May 15, 2006**

**AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-32525**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3180631**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**55 Ameriprise Financial Center**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55474**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(612) 671-3131**

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 15, 2006, a NADS panel issued a decision in a securities industry arbitration proceeding captioned *Wayland Adams et al vs. David McFadden and Securities American, Inc.* Securities America, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. The arbitrators ruled against Securities America, Inc., and awarded the plaintiffs approximately \$19.6 million.

Securities America disagrees with the arbitration panel's decision and intends to file a motion to vacate the award.

If the award is sustained, we believe its impact, net of applicable reserves, would not be material to Ameriprise Financial's earnings.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL, INC.  
(REGISTRANT)

DATE: May 16, 2006

By: /s/ John C. Junek  
Name: John C. Junek  
Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel