

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 05, 2013

**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): February 27, 2013

**Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-34452**  
(Commission

File Number)

**27-0467113**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**c/o Apollo Global Management, LLC**

**9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor**

**New York, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10019**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 515-3200**

**n/a**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

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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.**

On February 27, 2013, Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. (the Company ) appointed Megan B. Gaul, age 37, as Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary effective April 1, 2013. In connection with the appointment of Ms. Gaul, effective April 1, 2013, the Company expects that Mr. Stuart A. Rothstein will cease to serve as the Company s Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary. Mr. Rothstein will remain President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

Since November 2009, Ms. Gaul has been controller of ACREFI Management, LLC, the Company s external manager. Prior to joining ACREFI Management, LLC, for approximately eight years, Ms. Gaul held various financial and accounting positions, including Director, at BlackRock, Inc, an investment management corporation. Ms. Gaul holds a B.S. from Georgetown University in Business Administration.

**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.

**Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.**

By: /s/ Stuart A. Rothstein  
Stuart A. Rothstein  
President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer,  
Treasurer and Secretary

Date: March 5, 2013