STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K March 04, 2013

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): March 1, 2013

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of incorporation) 001-09305 (Commission 43-1273600 (IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

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501 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2188

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(314) 342-2000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area 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 8.01 Other Events.

On Friday, March 1, 2013, Stifel Nicolaus Canada Inc., a subsidiary of Stifel Financial Corp. (NYSE: SF), received an adverse decision from the Court in connection with litigation dating back to 2008 between Stetson Oil and Gas Ltd. and Stifel Nicolaus Canada.

Stifel Nicolaus Canada disagrees with the Court s decision and intends to appeal that decision at the appropriate time. Stifel Nicolaus Canada believes it has adequate reserves for what it believes will be the ultimate resolution of this matter.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press release dated March 4, 2013. |

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

By:/s/ Ronald J. KruszewskiName:Ronald J. KruszewskiTitle:President and Chief Executive Officer

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Date: March 4, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press release dated March 4, 2013.

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