

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
November 26, 2008

**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

November 20, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**NewStar Financial, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-33211**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**54-2157878**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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500 Boylston Street, Suite 1600, Boston, MA  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(617) 848-2500

02116  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On November 20, 2008, Mark Gormley, a director of NewStar Financial, Inc. (the Company), notified the Company of his resignation from the Company's Board of Directors (the Board), effective November 21, 2008.

On November 21, 2008, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Board's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, appointed Brian Fallon to the Board, effective immediately. Mr. Fallon will serve for a term that expires at the Company's 2009 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Fallon has been named to the Board's Audit and Compensation committees. The Board has determined that Mr. Fallon is independent and financially literate under the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Market.

Mr. Fallon will receive compensation for his service on the Board the same as the Company's other non-employee directors in accordance with the terms described under the caption Board of Directors Director Compensation in the Company's proxy statement that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2008. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Fallon and any other person pursuant to which he has been selected to serve on the Board, and there are no relationships between Mr. Fallon and the Company that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

**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.

**NEWSTAR FINANCIAL INC.**

Date: November 25, 2008

By: /s/ **John K. Bray**  
**John K. Bray**  
**Chief Financial Officer**