

HANMI FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 12, 2008

**Hanmi Financial Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**000-30421**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-4788120**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3660 Wilshire Boulevard**  
**Los Angeles California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**90010**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(213) 382-2200**

**Not applicable**

(Former name of 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))
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**Item 5.02(a) and (d). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers, Election of Directors, Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 12, 2008, the Board of Directors of Hanmi Financial Corporation ( HFC ) nominated Mr. John Hall to the HFC and Hanmi Bank Boards. Mr. Hall 's appointment is subject to receipt of a notice of non disapproval from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and the California Department of Financial Institutions. Subject to receipt of the proper regulatory notices, Mr. Hall will be appointed as a Class II director. Mr. Hall served as an examiner for Comptroller of the Currency, U. S. Treasury Department from 1974 to 2005. Mr. Hall received his commission as a National Bank Examiner and eventually served as an Examiner-in-Charge of many nation 's premier banks, such as Union Bank of California in San Francisco, Fleet Boston, and Treasury Bank in Los Angeles, Countrywide 's national bank subsidiary. In addition, Mr. Hall also served as the lead examiner for credit for Wells Fargo Bank. The Board has not yet determined what committees Mr. Hall will be appointed to. At such time as the committee assignments have been determined, HFC will file an amendment to this Form 8-K.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Hall and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Hall was appointed as director. There are no transactions in which they had an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Hall 's nomination is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release dated December 15, 2008, issued by Hanmi Financial Corporation

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Form 8-K report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 15, 2008

Hanmi Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Jay S. Yoo  
Jay S. Yoo  
President and Chief Executive Officer