

CNA FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2006

**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) **September 13, 2006**

**CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-5823**

(Commission File Number)

**36-6169860**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**333 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60604**

(Address Of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

**(312) 822-5000**

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 5.02(b). Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On September 13, 2006, Brenda J. Gaines advised the Registrant that she will not stand for re-election as a Director of Registrant at its annual meeting of stockholders scheduled for April 25, 2007. Ms. Gaines indicated that her decision not to stand for re-election was based on conflicting schedules in relation to other board directorships.

**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.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: September 18, 2006

/s/ D. Craig Mense \_\_\_\_\_

By: D. Craig Mense

Its: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer