

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 01, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 31, 2005**

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**NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**0-5965**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-2723087**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

**60675**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 630-6000

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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. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

Effective as of March 31, 2005, Harry W. Short retired as Executive Vice President and Controller of Northern Trust Corporation (the Registrant ) and The Northern Trust Company, the Registrant s principal banking subsidiary (the Bank ).

Aileen B. Blake, Executive Vice President and Controller-Designate since November 8, 2004, has been appointed Executive Vice President and Controller of the Registrant and the Bank, effective as of March 31, 2005 upon the retirement of Mr. Short as Executive Vice President and Controller. Ms. Blake also will serve as the Registrant s principal accounting officer. Prior to joining the Registrant, Ms. Blake, age 37, was Vice President of Financial Planning and Analysis at PepsiCo Beverages and Foods (formerly, The Quaker Oats Company) since April 2003, and held various financial positions in auditing and financial planning at The Quaker Oats Company and PepsiCo Beverages and Foods from 1993 to 2003.

**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.

**NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Date: April 1, 2005

By: /s/ Steven L. Fradkin

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Steven L. Fradkin  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer