

AVALON HOLDINGS CORP  
Form S-8  
February 25, 2010

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**Avalon Holdings Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**34-1863889**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One American Way**  
**Warren, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**44484**  
(Zip code)

**Avalon Holdings Corporation 2009 Long-term Incentive Plan**

(Full title of the plan)

**Timothy C. Coxson**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**One American Way, Warren, Ohio 44484**

(Name and address of agent for service)

**(330) 856-8800**

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
 Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of securities to be registered</b>	<b>Amount to be registered (1)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price</b>	<b>Amount of registration fee</b>
Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	1,300,000	\$2.42	\$3,146,000	\$224.31

(1) Consists of shares of Class A Common Stock to be offered pursuant to Avalon Holdings Corporation 2009 Long-term Incentive Plan (the Plan). In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), also registered hereunder are such additional number of shares of Class A Common Stock as may be offered or issued as a result of any stock splits, stock dividends or similar events.

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- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457 (c) and Rule 457 (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, based on the average of the high and low sale prices per share of the Common Stock on February 22, 2010 on the NYSE Amex.

**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

As permitted by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this registration statement omits the information in Part I of Form S-8. The document containing the information specified in Part I of this registration statement will be sent or given to eligible employees as specified in Rule 428(b) (1) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ). Such documents are not being filed with the Commission either as part of this registration statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements to Rule 424 promulgated under the Securities Act.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents which have been filed by Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, as filed with the SEC on March 20, 2009;
- (b) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2009, as filed with the SEC on May 14, 2009;
- (c) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2009, as filed with the SEC on August 11, 2009;
- (d) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009, as filed with the SEC on November 12, 2009; and
- (e) The description of the Registrant's Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01, contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the Commission on May 8, 1998.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c) 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such documents.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

None.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

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Our Articles of Incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by Ohio General Corporation Law, our directors shall not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. Our Bylaws provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by Ohio law, we will indemnify, and advance expenses to, a director or officer in an action brought by reason of the fact that the director or officer is or was our director or officer, or is or was serving at our request as a director or officer of any other entity, against all expenses, liability and loss reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith. We may maintain insurance to protect a director or officer against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not we would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under Ohio law.

**Item 7. Exemptions from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits**

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Certificate of incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 10)
4.2	Avalon Holdings Corporation 2009 Long-term Incentive Plan
23.1	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the

Registration Statement.

Paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in Warren, Ohio, on February 25, 2010.

Avalon Holdings Corporation

By: */s/* TIMOTHY C. COXSON  
**Timothy C. Coxson, Chief Financial Officer,**

**Treasurer and Secretary**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated

<i>/s/</i> RONALD E. KLINGLE	Chairman of the Board,	February 25, 2010
<b>Ronald E. Klingle</b>	Chief Executive Officer and Director	
<i>/s/</i> TIMOTHY C. COXSON	Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer,	February 25, 2010
<b>Timothy C. Coxson</b>	Secretary and Director	
<i>/s/</i> KURTIS D. GRAMLEY	Director	February 25, 2010
<b>Kurtis D. Gramley</b>		
<i>/s/</i> STEPHEN L. GORDON	Director	February 25, 2010
<b>Stephen L. Gordon</b>		
<i>/s/</i> DAVID G. BOZANICH	Director	February 25, 2010
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