MSCI Inc. Form 8-K September 10, 2009

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 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 8, 2009

#### MSCI Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-33812 (Commission File Number)

13-4038723 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

88 Pine Street, New York, NY 10005 (Address of principal executive offices)

10005 (Zip Code)

(212) 804-3900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

## NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02(d). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Effective September 8, 2009, the Board of Directors of MSCI Inc. (the "Company") appointed Catherine R. Kinney as a member of the Company's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors determined that Ms. Kinney is independent in accordance with the director independence standards established under the Company's Corporate Governance Policies. Ms. Kinney has been appointed to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

As a member of the Board of Directors, Ms. Kinney will receive (i) a cash retainer under the Board's cash compensation policy (which she may, pursuant to the Company's policies, elect to receive in the form of MSCI common stock under the MSCI Independent Directors' Equity Compensation Plan (the "Directors' Plan") and (ii) equity based compensation in the form of MSCI restricted stock units pursuant to the Directors' Plan. All directors are reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board of directors.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of MSCI Inc. dated September 10, 2009.

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### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MSCI Inc.

Date: September 10, 2009 By: /s/ Henry Fernandez

Name: Henry A. Fernandez

Title: Chief Executive Officer, President

and Chairman