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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): February 3, 2009**

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### **HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-13100**  
(Commission File Number)

**56-1871668**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

### **HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

**North Carolina**  
(State of Incorporation)

**000-21731**  
(Commission File Number)

**56-1869557**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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**3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27604**  
(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

**Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (919) 872-4924**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrants 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)
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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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

David J. Hartzell, Ph.D., 53, became a member of the Company's Board of Directors effective February 3, 2009. Dr. Hartzell, who now serves on the Company's audit and investment committees, qualifies as an independent director under the standards of the New York Stock Exchange. Dr. Hartzell is a Distinguished Professor in Real Estate at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School. Prior to joining the University of North Carolina in 1988, Dr. Hartzell was a vice president at Salomon Brothers Inc., a research associate for The Urban Institute and a financial economist for the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of Currency.

Kay N. Callison, 65, retired as a member of the Company's Board of Directors simultaneously with the election of Mr. Hartzell. Ms. Callison had been a director since our merger with J.C. Nichols Company in July 1998. Ms. Callison had served as a director of J.C. Nichols Company since 1982.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.**

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller  
Jeffrey D. Miller  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

**HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP**

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller  
Jeffrey D. Miller  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: February 5, 2009