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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): **August 1, 2005**

**MORNINGSTAR, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**  
State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

( **000-51280**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-3297908**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**225 West Wacker Drive**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60606**  
(Zip Code)

**(312) 696-6000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 1, 2005, Morningstar, Inc. announced that it had appointed Richard E. Robbins as its general counsel and corporate secretary. A copy of Morningstar's press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Robbins is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated August 1, 2005.

## 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.

MORNINGSTAR, INC.

Date: August 1, 2005

By: /s/ Martha Dustin Boudos  
Name: Martha Dustin Boudos  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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**News Release**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Morningstar Appoints Richard E. Robbins as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary**

CHICAGO, Aug. 1, 2005 – Morningstar, Inc. today announced that Richard E. Robbins, 43, has joined the company as general counsel and corporate secretary. He will be responsible for heading Morningstar's legal department, reporting to Joe Mansueto, chairman and chief executive officer.

"We're pleased to have someone of Rich's caliber join Morningstar," Mansueto said. "Rich brings 14 years of corporate and securities law experience to Morningstar, including extensive knowledge in the areas of corporate governance and disclosure, equity-based employee benefit plans, and mergers and acquisitions."

Robbins joins the company from Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, where he was a partner since 1999. Previously, he was an associate in the firm's corporate and securities practice. Before attending law school, Robbins worked for Digital Equipment Corporation as a senior software engineer.

Robbins holds a juris doctor degree with honors from the University of Chicago Law School, and master's and bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a member of the American, Illinois and Chicago Bar Associations, and serves on the board of directors of IT Resource Center, a nonprofit corporation.

## About Morningstar, Inc.

Morningstar, Inc. is a leading provider of investment research in the United States and in major international markets. The company offers an extensive line of Internet, software, and print-based products and services for individuals, financial advisors, and institutional clients. Morningstar provides data on more than 125,000 investment offerings, including stocks, mutual funds, and similar vehicles. The company has operations in 16 countries.

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