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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K September 26, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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 20, 2002

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

File No. 1-8989 13-3286161 DELAWARE (State or other (Commission File (IRS Employer jurisdiction of Number) Identification Identification incorporation) Number)

383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000

Not Applicable

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

Item 5. Other Events

Filed herewith is a copy of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. Press Release, dated September 20, 2002, announcing that the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit overturned a district court decision that upheld a jury verdict awarding Henryk de Kwiatkowski, a former customer of Bear Stearns, approximately \$164.5 million in damages and interest in May 2000 and ordered the district court to dismiss the case.

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- Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits
 - (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired:

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information:

Not applicable.

- (c) Exhibits:
 - (99) Press Release, dated September 20, 2002.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Marshall J Levinson

Marshall J Levinson

Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: September 26, 2002

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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