

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.  
Form 8-A12B  
September 10, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.**

*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)*

**Maryland**

**27-0467113**

*(State of Incorporation or Organization)*

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)*

**9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor**

**10019**

**New York, NY**

*(Zip Code)*

*(Address of Principal Executive Offices)*

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-160533

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

*Title of Each Class to be so Registered*

*Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class is to be Registered*

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Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

The New York Stock Exchange

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED.**

Incorporated by reference herein is the section entitled "Description of capital stock" contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-11 originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 10, 2009 (Registration No. 333-160533), as amended ("Registration Statement"), including any form of prospectus contained therein filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In addition, incorporated by reference herein is information relating to the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, under the caption "Certain provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws" in the Registration Statement.

**ITEM 2 EXHIBITS.**

Not applicable.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

**APOLLO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INC.**

Date: September 10, 2009

By: /s/ Joseph F. Azrack  
Joseph F. Azrack  
Chief Executive Officer and President