

HILB ROGAL & HOBBS CO  
Form 8-K  
October 04, 2005

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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): September 29, 2005**

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**HILB ROGAL & HOBBS COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**0-15981**

(Commission File Number)

**Virginia**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
  
incorporation or organization)  
  
**4951 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 500**

**54-1194795**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
  
Identification No.)  
  
**23060**

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**Glen Allen, Virginia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 747-6500**

**Not Applicable**

(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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On September 29, 2005, the Registrant's Board of Directors appointed F. Michael Crowley, 54, as President of the Registrant effective September 29, 2005. The news release relating to Mr. Crowley's appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Previously, Mr. Crowley was Executive Vice President and National Director for Property and Casualty, a position he held since September 2004. Prior thereto, he was employed by Palmer & Cay, Inc. as Vice Chairman from 2002 to 2004 and as President and Chief Operating Officer from 1998 to 2002.

Mr. Crowley's current annual salary is \$400,000. In addition, he is a participant in the corporate incentive plan which provides annual incentive compensation to key executives of the Registrant. Mr. Crowley has an employment agreement with the Registrant which contains restrictive covenants relating to matters such as the protection of confidential information, nonpiracy of customers and nonraiding of employees.

Mr. Crowley also has a change of control employment agreement with the Registrant. In the event there is a change of control of the Registrant, Mr. Crowley will be employed for a period of three years after the change of control. If the employment of Mr. Crowley terminates at any time during the three year period following a change of control for any reason other than death, cause or Mr. Crowley's election, Mr. Crowley will receive an agreed upon amount of severance equal to two times his highest applicable annual salary and bonus. Additionally, Mr. Crowley would be eligible to receive benefits substantially equivalent to those which would have been received under the Registrant's qualified and non-qualified plans. The change of control employment agreement provides that any excise taxes shall be paid by the Registrant, as well as any legal expenses of Mr. Crowley. If Mr. Crowley elects to terminate his employment in the first year after the change of control, but without any deemed breach by the Registrant or its successor, Mr. Crowley will be entitled to severance equal to one-half times his highest applicable annual salary and bonus.

In connection with Mr. Crowley's appointment, certain compensation and employment terms may be revised in the future to match the level of responsibility with Mr. Crowley's new position. The Registrant will amend this Current Report on Form 8-K to describe such terms if they are revised.

There is no family relationship between Mr. Crowley and any other executive officer or any director of the Registrant. Mr. Crowley has not had any transactions with the Registrant or its subsidiaries during 2004 or 2005.

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

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News release issued by the Registrant on September 29, 2005

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**HILB ROGAL & HOBBS COMPANY**  
(Registrant)

Date: October 4, 2005

By: /s/ Michael Dinkins

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Michael Dinkins  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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