

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **February 19, 2016**

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-24049
(Commission
file number)

04-2372210
(IRS employer
identification no.)

200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

02116
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 425-3000**

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 19, 2016, our board of directors appointed Thomas Avery as a Class II director and as a member of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Avery's term in each role will begin on Monday, February 22, 2016. Mr. Avery has agreed to stand for re-election as a director at this year's annual meeting of our shareholders. Under the terms of our 2006 equity incentive plan, in connection with his election to our board of directors, Mr. Avery will be granted shares of restricted stock valued at \$75,000 based on the closing price of our common stock on February 22, 2016, vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2017.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 22, 2016, we issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Avery as a director. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits*

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
99.1	Press release dated February 22, 2016.

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.

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: February 22, 2016

By: /s/ Chad M. Holmes
Chad M. Holmes
Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President
and Treasurer

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THOMAS A. AVERY JOINS CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES (CRA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BOSTON, February 22, 2016 — Charles River Associates (NASDAQ: CRAI), a worldwide leader in providing economic, financial, and management consulting services, today announced that Thomas A. Avery has been appointed to CRA's Board of Directors effective today. Mr. Avery will serve on the Company's Compensation Committee.

Mr. Avery is a highly respected business leader who brings more than 35 years of investment banking, venture capital and professional services experience to CRA. As a Managing Director at Raymond James & Associates, he led the technology investment banking group before building and managing relationships in the financial sponsor sector. Prior to joining Raymond James & Associates, he was head of the investment banking group and co-head of the equity capital markets division at Interstate/Johnson-Lane and a General Partner at Noro-Moseley Partners. Previously, Mr. Avery was a General Partner at Summit Partners and Senior Vice President at The Robinson-Humphrey Company.

"Tom Avery is a seasoned financial executive and business leader with a deep understanding of the professional services industry," said CRA's Chairman of the Board Rowland T. Moriarty. "It is a pleasure to welcome Tom to CRA's Board of Directors. We believe his experience in growing enterprises will greatly benefit CRA as we focus on expanding our business."

"Charles River Associates is a firm highly committed to excellence in economic and management consulting, and I am honored to join the Board to contribute to its growth and success," said Thomas Avery.

Mr. Avery is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Cicero, Inc. (NASDAQ: CICN), and on the Board of Directors of KIPP Metro Atlanta, a national charter school organization serving low income, minority children. Mr. Avery also has served on numerous private company boards, assisting those companies with advice and help in financing their enterprises, along with planning and executing growth strategies. In addition, Mr. Avery has been a guest lecturer at Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University.

Mr. Avery graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in industrial management and from the Harvard Business School with a master's degree in business administration.

About Charles River Associates (CRA)

Charles River Associates® is a global consulting firm specializing in litigation, regulatory, financial, and management consulting. CRA advises clients on economic and financial matters pertaining to litigation and regulatory proceedings, and guides corporations through critical business strategy and performance-related issues. Since 1965, clients have engaged CRA for its unique combination of functional expertise and industry knowledge, and for its objective solutions to complex problems. Headquartered in Boston, CRA has offices throughout the world and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2015. Detailed information about Charles River Associates, a registered trade name of CRA International, Inc., is available at <http://www.crai.com>. Follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook.
