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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**

**May 21, 2009**  
**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

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**HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-50976**  
(Commission File Number)

**01-0666114**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**550 West Van Buren Street**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
**60607**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

**(312) 583-8700**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

- (b) The information from Item 5.02(c) below is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
- (c) On May 21, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of David M. Shade as President and Chief Operating Officer effective immediately.  
Gary E. Holdren will remain as the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, with Mr. Shade assuming the President title, which Mr. Holdren has held since 2004. The position of Chief Operating Officer has been open since January 2009, when Daniel J. Broadhurst assumed leadership of the Company's Accounting and Financial Consulting and Corporate Consulting segments.  
Mr. Shade, age 64, has led the Company's Healthcare practice since January 2007, when the Company acquired Wellspring Partners LTD ("Wellspring") where he was Principal and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to the formation of Wellspring in 1999, Mr. Shade served as Chief Executive Officer of a firm specializing in healthcare valuation services. Previously, Mr. Shade was a partner in the healthcare consulting division of Ernst & Young LLP for more than 20 years.  
Pursuant to the stock purchase agreement whereby the Company acquired Wellspring, additional purchase consideration may be payable by the Company to the selling shareholders of Wellspring if specific financial performance targets are met over a five-year period ending on December 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2008, additional purchase consideration earned by Wellspring totaled \$25.0 million, which was paid out in March 2009. As a former shareholder of Wellspring, Mr. Shade received \$3.9 million, or 15.6%, of this amount.  
A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Shade's appointment is filed as an exhibit to this current report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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

- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated May 21, 2009.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

Huron Consulting Group Inc.

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(Registrant)

Date: May 21, 2009

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/s/ Gary L. Burge

Gary L. Burge  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****May 21, 2009****Huron Consulting Group Names President and Chief Operating Officer  
*David M. Shade Takes on New Role at Company***

CHICAGO – May 21, 2009 – Huron Consulting Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HURN), a leading provider of business consulting services, today announced the appointment of David M. Shade as president and chief operating officer.

“David’s new role at Huron recognizes his significant contributions as the leader of our high-performing healthcare practice, and his proven ability to chart and implement solid growth strategies for the Company,” said Gary E. Holdren, chairman and chief executive officer, Huron Consulting Group. “As president and COO, David will continue to use his outstanding leadership and relationship management skills for the benefit of our clients and our people.”

“I am honored to be selected for this role, and excited about the opportunities ahead for Huron,” said David M. Shade, president and chief operating officer, Huron Consulting Group.

Shade has led Huron’s Healthcare practice since January 2007, when Huron acquired Wellspring Partners where he was principal and chief executive officer. *Consulting Magazine* named Shade one of the Top 25 Consultants of 2008. Prior to the formation of Wellspring in 1999, he served as chief executive officer of a firm specializing in healthcare valuation services. Previously, Shade was a partner in the healthcare consulting division of Ernst & Young for more than 20 years. Before starting his professional career, he served as combat officer with the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War and was decorated for valor.

Holdren will remain Huron’s chairman and chief executive officer, with Shade assuming the president title, which Holdren has held since 2004. In his new role, Shade will be responsible for human resources, marketing and sales, and all consulting service operations, which include Health and Education Consulting, Legal Consulting, Accounting & Financial Consulting, and Corporate Consulting.

Jim Roth, vice president of Health and Education Consulting, will assume responsibility for Huron’s entire Health and Education Consulting segment, which comprises more than 55 percent of the Company’s revenues. Gordon J. Mountford, vice president of Healthcare Operational Consulting (Huron’s Wellspring practice), and Paul Kohlheim, vice president of Healthcare Revenue Consulting (Huron’s Stockamp practice), will share responsibility for the Company’s Healthcare business under Roth. Shahzad Bashir and Daniel P. Broadhurst will continue to serve as vice president of Legal Consulting and Accounting & Financial Consulting/Corporate Consulting, respectively.

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## About Huron Consulting Group

Huron Consulting Group helps clients in diverse industries improve performance, comply with complex regulations, resolve disputes, recover from distress, leverage technology, and stimulate growth. The Company teams with its clients to deliver sustainable and measurable results. Huron provides services to a wide variety of both financially sound and distressed organizations, including leading academic institutions, healthcare organizations, Fortune 500 companies, medium-sized businesses, and the law firms that represent these various organizations. Learn more at [www.huronconsultinggroup.com](http://www.huronconsultinggroup.com).

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