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UNITED DOMINION REALTY TRUST INC Form 8-K March 02, 2006

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 24, 2006

UNITED DOMINION REALTY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland 1-10524 54-0857512 (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1745 Shea Center Drive, Suite 200, Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (720) 283-6120

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- o 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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On February 24, 2006, David L. Messenger, the Vice President and Controller of United Dominion Realty Trust, Inc. (the Company), was appointed Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company effective March 15, 2006. Mr. Messenger, age 35, joined the Company in 2002 as Vice President and Controller. From April 2000 to the time he joined the Company in 2002, Mr. Messenger was the owner and president of TRC Management Company, a restaurant management company. Previously, Mr. Messenger was a manager at Ernst & Young LLP in their real estate division.

Mr. Messenger will serve as Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer at the discretion of the Company s Board of Directors. No family relationship exists between Mr. Messenger and any of the Company s directors or executive officers.

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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.

UNITED DOMINION REALTY TRUST,

INC.

Date: March 2, 2006 /s/ Scott A. Shanaberger

Scott A. Shanaberger

Senior Vice President and Chief

Accounting Officer