

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 01, 2006

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): **July 26, 2006**

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**STRYKER CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**0-9165**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**38-1239739**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2725 Fairfield Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**49002**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **269.385.2600**

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**SECTION 5 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

ITEM 5.02	DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
	APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On July 26, 2006, the Board of Directors of Stryker Corporation voted to increase the number of directors to eight and elected Louise L. Francesconi to fill the vacancy created. Ms. Francesconi's committee assignments have not yet been determined.

Ms. Francesconi has been a Vice President of Raytheon Company since November 1999 and President of its Missile Systems business since August 2002. She previously served as General Manager of the Missile Systems business from November 1999.

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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.

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Registrant)

August 1, 2006

/s/ THOMAS R. WINKEL

Date

Thomas R. Winkel

Vice President, Administration

and Secretary

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