

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 31, 2009

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

Washington, D.C. 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): March 25, 2009

**VENTAS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-10989**  
(Commission File Number)

**61-1055020**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**111 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4800, Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60606**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (877) 483-6827

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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 25, 2009, the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky granted Ventas, Inc. (the Company) judgment on the pleadings against all counterclaims brought by HCP, Inc. (HCP) against the Company. The Court dismissed HCP's counterclaims with prejudice on the basis that HCP's pleadings were inadequate to state a claim on which relief can be granted. The counterclaims followed the lawsuit filed by the Company in May 2007 against HCP asserting claims of tortious interference with contract and tortious interference with prospective business advantage.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

VENTAS, INC.

Date: March 31, 2009

By: /s/ T. Richard Riney  
T. Richard Riney  
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General  
Counsel and Corporate Secretary