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## 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):		January 7, 2009
	West Bancorporation, Inc.  (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
(Ex		
Iowa	0-49677	42-1230603
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employe Identification No
601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa		50266
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code:		515-222-2300
	Not Applicable	
Former	name or former address, if cha	anged 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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o 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.

On January 7, 2009, Scott D. Eltjes submitted his resignation as Chief Executive Officer of WB Capital Management Inc., ("WB Capital") a subsidiary of West Bancorporation, Inc. (NASDAQ: WTBA).

Also on January 7, 2009, Jeffrey D. Lorenzen, President and Chief Investment Officer of WB Capital, submitted his resignation.

Douglas R. Gulling, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of West Bancorporation, Inc. and a director and treasurer of WB Capital will serve as interim Chief Executive Officer of WB Capital.

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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.

West Bancorporation, Inc.

January 9, 2009

By: Douglas R. Gulling

Name: Douglas R. Gulling

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer