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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): <u>February 3, 2011 (February 1, 2011)</u>
CRAWFORD & COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter) **Georgia** 

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10356 58-0506554

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1001 Summit Blvd., Atlanta, Georgia

30319

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(404) 300-1000

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 February 1, 2011, the Board of Directors of Crawford & Company (the Company) unanimously elected Joia M. Johnson, 50, as a Director of the Company. Ms. Johnson is Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Hanesbrands, Inc. (NYSE: HBD), a leading marketer of innerwear, outerwear and hosiery apparel, a position she has held since January 2007. From May 1999 until January 2007 she was Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of RARE Hospitality International, Inc., a publicly traded restaurant franchise owner and operator based in Atlanta.

As a director, Ms. Johnson is entitled to compensation in the same amounts and type as other non-employee directors of the Company.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d). Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated February 3, 2011

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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CRAWFORD & COMPANY (Registrant)

By: /s/ Allen W. Nelson
Allen W. Nelson
Executive Vice President General
Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Dated: February 3, 2011