

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 12, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 11, 2006

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-6253  
(Commission  
File Number)

71-0407808  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

71601  
(Zip Code)

(870) 541-1000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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: DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
5.02(d) APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On Friday, September 8, 2006, Simmons First National Corporation Board of Directors approved the election of Robert L. Shoptaw as a director of the Company. Committee appointments for Mr. Shoptaw have not been determined at this time.

Mr. Shoptaw, chief executive officer of Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, has over 36 years tenure with ABCBS. He also serves on the board of directors for Easter Seals, the Little Rock Metro Centre Improvement District and the National Institute for Health Care Management.

ITEM: 9.01 STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of the Company dated September 11, 2006, announcing the appointment of Robert L. Shoptaw.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION

Date: September 11, 2006

/s/ Robert A. Fehlman  
Robert A. Fehlman, Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer