## 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

February 5, 2010 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Lincoln National Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-6028 (Commission File Number) 35-1140070 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Radnor, PA 19087 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number including area code: (484) 583-1400

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:

[] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 5, 2010, LNC issued a press release announcing that the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina will hold a hearing on February 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., on the proposed dismissal of a shareholders' derivative action following the filing of a joint motion to dismiss by the plaintiff and all defendants. The derivative action was instituted by the Walker F. Rucker Family Trust in June 2008 naming Lincoln National Corporation, David A. Stonecipher, Jon A. Boscia and Dennis R. Glass as defendants. A copy of the Notice of Pendency of Derivative Action, Proposed Dismissal of Derivative Action, Hearing and Right to Appear issued by the Court is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.	
(d) Exhibits.	
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99.2	Press Release dated February 5, 2010

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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.

## LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION

Date: February 5, 2010

By: Name: Title: /s/ Frederick J. Crawford Frederick J. Crawford Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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