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ITEM 8.01 Other Events

The Bank of New York ("BNY") announced on April 18, 2005 that it has hired Mr. John M. Liftin as Vice Chairman and General Counsel and a member of its Senior Planning Committee. In addition, Mr. Liftin will be named Vice Chairman, General Counsel and Secretary of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. ("BNY Co."). The Press Release announcing Mr. Liftin's hiring is attached.

Mr. Liftin has entered into an agreement with BNY providing for a starting salary of \$550,000 and a minimum cash bonus of \$1,000,000 for each of 2005 and 2006. The agreement provides for an award of restricted shares with a grant date value of \$825,000 and a stock option award on 100,000 shares. These awards will be made in the first quarter of 2006. BNY Co. also intends to award Mr. Liftin additional restricted shares in the near future having a grant date value approximately equivalent to the value of the equity awards he forfeited upon leaving his previous employer. For two years Mr. Liftin will also be eligible to receive severance payments under certain circumstances.

Mr. Liftin will be entering into a change of control agreement with BNY Co. in the near future.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Index to and Description of Exhibits

(c) Exhibit	Description
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99	Press release dated April 18, 2005 announcing the hiring of Mr. John M. Liftin as the Vice Chairman, General Counsel and Secretary of The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

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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.

Dated: April 18, 2005

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Bruce W. Van Saun

Name: Bruce W. Van Saun
Title: Senior Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer