

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

FORM S-8

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

DineEquity, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or
Organization)

95-3038279
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

450 North Brand Boulevard
Glendale, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

91203
(Zip Code)

DineEquity, Inc. 2016 Stock Incentive Plan
(Full Title of the Plan)

Bryan R. Adel
Senior Vice President, Legal, General Counsel and Secretary
DineEquity, Inc.
450 North Brand Boulevard
Glendale, California 91203-1903
(Name and address of agent for service)

(818) 240-6055
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	3,750,000	\$ 82.83	\$ 310,593,750.00	\$ 31,276.79

- (1) This Registration Statement also covers such additional and indeterminate number of shares as may become issuable because of the provisions of the DineEquity, Inc. 2016 Stock Incentive Plan relating to adjustments for changes resulting from a stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, spin-off or other similar change or event, or an extraordinary cash dividend.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on May 13, 2016.

Part II

Information Required in the Registration Statement

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents of the Registrant filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") are incorporated by reference herein:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the Commission on February 24, 2016;
- (b) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2016, filed with the Commission on May 5, 2016;
- (c) Current Reports on Form 8-K (excluding any information furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 thereof), filed with the Commission on February 24, 2016, March 8, 2016, May 5, 2016, May 16, 2016 and May 17, 2016; and
- (d) The description of Registrant's common stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-160836) filed with the Commission on July 8, 2009, including any amendment filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold are deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing of such documents (such documents, and the documents enumerated above, being hereinafter referred to as "Incorporated Documents").

Any statement contained in an Incorporated Document shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed Incorporated Document modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL") permits the board of directors of a corporation to indemnify any person against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which such person is made a party by reason of his or her being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent of the Registrant, as the case may be, in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The statute provides that indemnification pursuant to its provisions is not exclusive of other rights of indemnification to which a person may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise.

The Registrant's restated certificate of incorporation provides that no director will be personally liable to the Registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty by such director as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Registrant or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the DGCL or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Additionally, Article VIII of the Registrant's amended bylaws provides that the Registrant will indemnify directors and officers under certain circumstances for liabilities and expenses incurred by reason of their activities in such capacities. In addition, the Registrant has insurance policies that provide liability coverage to directors and officers while acting in such capacities.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

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4.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DineEquity, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Registrant's Form 8-K filed on December 18, 2012)
4.2	Amended Bylaws of DineEquity, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Registrant's Form 8-K dated June 2, 2008)
4.3	DineEquity, Inc. 2016 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Registrant's definitive proxy statement filed on April 4, 2016)
5.1	Opinion of Bryan R. Adel, as to the legality of the securities being registered
23.1	Consent of Bryan R. Adel (included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1)
23.2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
24	Powers of Attorney (included in the Signature Page to this Registration Statement)

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Glendale, State of California, on this 17th day of May, 2016.

DINEEQUITY, INC.

By: /s/ Julia A. Stewart
Name: Julia A. Stewart
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENT, that each of the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints, jointly and severally, Julia A. Stewart and Bryan R. Adel, or any of them (with full power to each of them to act alone), as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and on his or her behalf to sign, execute and file all amendments (including, without limitation, post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and any documents required to be filed with respect therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any regulatory authority, granting unto such attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith and about the premises in order to effectuate the same as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or his, her or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on this on this 17th day of May, 2016.

<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Julia A. Stewart</u> Julia A. Stewart	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)
<u>/s/ Thomas W. Emrey</u> Thomas W. Emrey	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)
<u>/s/ Gregory H. Kalvin</u> Gregory H. Kalvin	Senior Vice President, Corporate Controller (principal accounting officer)
<u>/s/ Howard M. Berk</u> Howard M. Berk	Director
<u>/s/ Daniel J. Brestle</u> Daniel J. Brestle	Director
<u>/s/ Richard J. Dahl</u> Richard J. Dahl	Director
<u>/s/ Stephen P. Joyce</u> Stephen P. Joyce	Director
<u>/s/ Larry A. Kay</u> Larry A. Kay	Director
<u>/s/ Caroline W. Nahas</u> Caroline W. Nahas	Director
<u>/s/ Douglas M. Pasquale</u> Douglas M. Pasquale	Director
<u>/s/ Gilbert T. Ray</u> Gilbert T. Ray	Director
<u>/s/ Patrick W. Rose</u> Patrick W. Rose	Director

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May 17, 2016

DineEquity, Inc.
450 North Brand Boulevard, 7th Floor
Glendale, California 91203

Re: DineEquity, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of 3,750,000 shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of DineEquity, Inc. (the "Corporation") issuable or reserved for issuance under the DineEquity, Inc. 2016 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

In connection with this opinion letter, I have examined and am familiar with (i) the Plan, (ii) the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, (iii) the Amended Bylaws of the Corporation, (iv) copies of certain resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Corporation relating to, among other things, the Shares, the Plan and the Registration Statement, (v) the form of certificate representing the Common Stock and (vi) such other documents, certificates and records as I have considered necessary or appropriate for purposes of this opinion. In my examination, I have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to me as certified or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. As to any facts material to the opinion expressed herein, I have relied upon oral or written statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Corporation and others.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, I am of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, assuming the valid issuance of awards pursuant to the Plan and the conformity of the certificates representing the Shares to the form thereof examined by me, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bryan R. Adel

Bryan R. Adel
Senior Vice President, Legal, General Counsel and Secretary

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-) pertaining to the DineEquity, Inc. 2016 Stock Incentive Plan of our reports dated February 24, 2016, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of DineEquity, Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of DineEquity, Inc., included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended January 3, 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst and Young LLP

Los Angeles, California

May 17, 2016
