

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 15, 2019

**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): February 12, 2019**

**Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Maryland**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**c/o Apollo Global Management, LLC**

**001-34452**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**27-0467113**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**10019**

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**9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor**

**New York, New York**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 515-3200**

**n/a**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 12, 2019, Jeffrey M. Gault, non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. (the Company ), informed the Board that he will not be standing for re-election to the Board at the Company s next annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Gault s decision to not stand for re-election to the Board was not the result of any dispute or disagreements with the Company on any matter relating to the Company s operations, policies or practices.

**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.

**Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance,  
Inc.**

By: /s/ Stuart A. Rothstein  
Name: Stuart A. Rothstein  
Title: President and Chief Executive  
Officer

Date: February 15, 2019