

RETAIL VENTURES INC

Form 8-K

March 14, 2006

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**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) March 14, 2006 (March 13, 2006)

Retail Ventures, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-10767 20-0090238

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3241 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43224

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(614) 471-4722

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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):

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On March 13, 2006, Retail Ventures, Inc. (the Company) issued 2,000,000 of its common shares, without par value, to Cerberus Partners, L.P. (Cerberus) in connection with Cerberus' exercise of a portion of its outstanding convertible warrants that were originally issued by the Company on July 5, 2005. The common shares were issued at an exercise price of \$4.50 per share for an aggregate cash purchase price of \$9,000,000. In connection with this issuance, no underwriters were utilized and no commissions were paid. Following this exercise, Cerberus' remaining convertible warrants entitle Cerberus to acquire from the Company, upon exercise and payment of the exercise price, either 6,333,333 of the Company's common shares or 1,500,001 Class A Common Shares of DSW Inc., a controlled subsidiary of the Company.

The issuance and sale of the Company's common shares discussed above were exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act and the safe harbor private offering exemption provided by Rule 506 promulgated under the Securities Act as transactions which did not involve a public offering.

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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.

RETAIL VENTURES, INC.

Date: March 14, 2006

By: /s/ James A. McGrady

James A. McGrady
Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary