OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP Form 3 August 25, 2006 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> KNIGHT LEO E JR			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORP [ORI]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/24/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
307 NORTH	I MICHIG	AN					
AVENUE, SUITE 2300			(Check all applicable)				
(Street) CHICAGO, IL 60601				XDirector10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	tive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
Treporting o when i tunne t		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
KNIGHT LEO E JR 307 NORTH MICHIGAN SUITE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60601	AVENUE	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
Signatures						
Leo E. Knight Jr.	08/24/2006					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date					
Explanation of Responses:						

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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