

NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC

Form SC 13G

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

**Nicholas Financial Inc.**

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(Name of Issuer)

Shares of Common Stock, no par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

65373J209

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(CUSIP Number)

October 20, 2005

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1 (b)

Rule 13d-1 (c)

Rule 13d-1 (d)

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1. Name of Reporting Person: Southpoint Capital Advisors LP  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 20-0975910

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:  
Delaware

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
493,949\*\*

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
0

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7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
493,949\*\*

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8. Shared Dispositive Power:  
0

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
493,949\*\*

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:\*

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
5.0%\*\*

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
PN

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\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT  
\*\*SEE ITEM 4.

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1. Name of Reporting Person: Southpoint GP, LP  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 20-1095514

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: Delaware

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
493,949\*\*

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
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493,949\*\*

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:\*

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
5.0%\*\*

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
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1. Name of Reporting Person: Southpoint Capital Advisors LLC  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 20-0975900

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:  
Delaware

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
493,949\*\*

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
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7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
493,949\*\*

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8. Shared Dispositive Power:  
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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:\*

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
5.0%\*\*

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
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1. Name of Reporting Person: Southpoint GP, LLC  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 20-1064783

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:  
Delaware

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
493,949\*\*

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
0

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7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
493,949\*\*

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8. Shared Dispositive Power:  
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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
493,949\*\*

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:\*

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
5.0%\*\*

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
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1. Name of Reporting Person: Robert W. Butts I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: United States

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
493,949\*\*

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
0

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7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
493,949\*\*

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
5.0%\*\*

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
IN

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1. Name of Reporting Person: I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):  
John S. Clark II

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:  
United States

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
493,949\*\*

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6. Shared Voting Power:  
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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):  
5.0%\*\*

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12. Type of Reporting Person:  
IN

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**SCHEDULE 13G**

This Schedule 13G (the "Schedule 13G") is being filed on behalf of Southpoint Capital Advisors LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Southpoint CA LLC"), Southpoint GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Southpoint GP LLC"), Southpoint Capital Advisors LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Southpoint Advisors"), Southpoint GP, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Southpoint GP"), Robert W. Butts and John S. Clark II. Southpoint CA LLC is the general partner of Southpoint Advisors. Southpoint GP LLC is the general partner of Southpoint GP. Southpoint GP is the general partner of Southpoint Fund LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Fund"), Southpoint Qualified Fund LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Qualified Fund"), and Southpoint Offshore Operating Fund, LP, a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership (the "Offshore Operating Fund"). Southpoint Offshore Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Island exempted company (the "Offshore Fund"), is also a general partner of the Offshore Operating Fund. This Schedule 13G relates to shares of Common Stock of The Nicholas Financial Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), purchased by the Fund, the Qualified Fund and the Offshore Operating Fund.

**Item 1(a) Name of Issuer.**

Nicholas Financial Inc.

**Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices.**

2454 McMillen Booth Rd.  
Bldg C 501 B  
Clearwater FL 33759

**Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing.**

- (1) Southpoint Capital Advisors, LP
- (2) Southpoint GP, LP
- (3) Southpoint Capital Advisors, LLC
- (4) Southpoint GP, LLC
- (5) Robert W. Butts
- (6) John S. Clark II

**Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence.**

- (1) For all Filers:  
623 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2503  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 692-6350

**Item 2(c) Citizenship or Place of Organization.**

- (1) Southpoint Capital Advisors LP is a Delaware limited partnership.
- (2) Southpoint Capital GP, LP is a Delaware limited partnership.
- (3) Southpoint Capital Advisors LLC is a Delaware limited liability company.
- (4) Southpoint Capital GP, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company.
- (5) Robert W. Butts is a U.S. citizen.
- (6) John S. Clark II is a U.S. citizen.

**Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities.**

Common Stock, no par value (the Common Stock ).

**Item 2(e) CUSIP Number.**

65373J209

**Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 4 Ownership.**

- (a) Southpoint CA LLC, Southpoint GP LLC, Southpoint GP, Southpoint Advisors, Robert W. Butts and John S. Clark II may be deemed the beneficial owners of 493,949 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) As of October 20, 2005, Southpoint CA LLC, Southpoint GP LLC, Southpoint GP, Southpoint Advisors, Robert W. Butts and John S. Clark II may be deemed the beneficial owners of 5.0% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. This percentage was determined by dividing 493,949 by 9,870,531, the number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on July 31, 2005, as reported in the Issuer's quarterly report on form 10-Q filed August 12, 2005.
- (c) Southpoint CA LLC, Southpoint GP LLC, Southpoint GP, Southpoint Advisors, Robert W. Butts and John S. Clark II have the sole power to vote and dispose of the 493,949 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned.

**Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

All securities reported in this schedule are owned by clients of the Investment Manager. To the knowledge of the Investment Manager, no one client owns more than 5% of the Common Stock.

**Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported On by the Parent Holding Company.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 10 Certification.**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**Exhibits Exhibit 1**

Joint Filing Agreement dated October 28, 2005, between Southpoint CA LLC, Southpoint GP LLC, Southpoint GP, Southpoint Advisors, Robert W. Butts and John S. Clark II.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: October 28, 2005

**SOUTHPOINT CAPITAL ADVISORS, LP**

By: Southpoint Capital Advisors LLC  
its general partner

By: /s/ Robert W. Butts

Name: Robert W. Butts  
Title: Manager

**SOUTHPOINT GP, LP**

By: Southpoint GP, LLC  
its general partner

By: /s/ Robert W. Butts

Name: Robert W. Butts  
Title: Manager

**SOUTHPOINT CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC**

By: /s/ Robert W. Butts

Name: Robert W. Butts  
Title: Manager

**SOUTHPOINT GP, LLC**

By: /s/ Robert W. Butts

Name: Robert W. Butts  
Title: Manager

/s/ Robert W. Butts

Robert W. Butts

/s/ John S. Clark II

John S. Clark II