
**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 6, 2019

Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida
(State or other
jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-38534
(Commission
file number)

65-0032379
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

**220 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, Florida**
(Address of principal executive offices)

(305) 460-8728
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- 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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 March 5, 2019 the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Mercantile Bank Holding Corporation (the “Company”) increased the size of the Board from ten members to eleven and appointed John W. Quill as a director. Mr. Quill will also serve as a director of Amerant Bank, N.A. (the “Bank”), the Company’s principal subsidiary, and will become a member of the Company’s and the Bank’s audit committee.

Mr. Quill has no arrangements or understandings pursuant to which he was selected as a director and does not have any transactions reportable under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Mr. Quill, as a newly appointed non-employee director of the Board in 2019, will receive a pro rata portion of the \$96,000 annual retainer for his service on the Board and a pro rata portion of the \$41,600 annual retainer for his committee service to the Company and the Bank.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Number

Exhibit

99.1

[Press Release of Mercantile Bank Holding Corporation issued March 6, 2019.](#)

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.

Date: March 6, 2019

Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation

By: /s/ Iván E. Trujillo

Name: Iván E. Trujillo

Title: Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary



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4:30 P.M.
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**MERCANTIL BANK HOLDING CORPORATION APPOINTS
JOHN W. QUILL AS A DIRECTOR**

Coral Gables, Florida – Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation (the “Company”) (NASDAQ: AMTB and AMTBB) and its subsidiary, Amerant Bank, N.A. (the “Bank”), announced they have appointed John W. Quill as an independent director of the Company and the Bank.

Mr. Quill has nearly 40 years of experience in financial services, public and private. Currently, Mr. Quill serves as a consultant to the International Monetary Fund, where he previously served as a Senior Financial Sector Expert in bank supervision and policy effectiveness from 2013 to 2015. Mr. Quill was an independent director of Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust, Coral Gables, Florida from 2015 to 2018.

Mr. Quill retired from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”) in 2011 following a distinguished 31 year career. Among other positions, he was a Deputy Comptroller in Washington, D.C. from 2004 to 2011, and the Chair of the interagency council that advised the United States Treasury as to banks that should receive funds under the Treasury’s Troubled Asset Relief Program (“TARP”).

“It is a privilege to welcome John, who has deep, multifaceted financial services knowledge and experience,” said Frederick C. Copeland, Jr., Chairman of Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation. “He is an outstanding addition to our Board as we implement our strategic vision for long-term profitable growth.”

“I am honored to be a part of such an exceptional financial organization,” said Quill. “I look forward to working alongside our fellow board members to continue building the Amerant brand.”

Mercantil Bank Holding Corporation is a bank holding company headquartered in Coral Gables, Florida. The Company operates through its subsidiaries, the Bank, Amerant Investments, Inc. and Amerant Trust, N.A. The Company provides individuals and businesses in the U.S., as well as select international clients, with deposit, credit and wealth management services. The Bank, which has operated for almost 40 years, is the largest community bank headquartered in Florida. The Bank operates 23 banking centers – 15 in South Florida, 8 in the Houston, Texas area, and loan production offices in Dallas, Texas and New York, New York.

For more information, please visit www.mercantilbank.com or investor.mercantilbank.com.