

CERUS CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 25, 2012

**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): October 19, 2012

**CERUS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-21937**  
(Commission  
File No.)

**68-0262011**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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2550 Stanwell Drive

Concord, California 94520

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (925) 288-6000

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

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

On October 19, 2012, Howard G. Ervin notified Cerus Corporation (the Company) of his intent to retire as the Company's Chief Legal Officer, effective as of December 3, 2012 (the Transition Date). From and after the Transition Date, Mr. Ervin will cease performing the functions of the Company's Chief Legal Officer, and will cease to have that title, but will continue to serve as the Company's Vice President, Legal Affairs on a part-time basis during a period to be determined.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On October 25, 2012, the Company announced that Chrystal Menard had been appointed as the Company's Chief Legal Officer, effective as of December 3, 2012.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**CERUS CORPORATION**

Dated: October 25, 2012

By: /s/ Kevin D. Green  
Kevin D. Green  
Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer