Registration No. 333-__ Filed August ____ ,1998 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM S-8 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT** UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OCWEN FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Articles of Incorporation) FLORIDA 65-0039856 -----(State of incorporation) (IRS Employer Identification No.) The Forum, Suite 1000 1675 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33401 -----(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) OCWEN FINANCIAL CORPORATION LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN (Full Title of the Plan) Copy to: William C. Erbery James J. Barnes, Esquire Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Buchanan Ingersoll Ocwen Financial Corporation Professional Corporation The Forum, Building A One Oxford Centre 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor 1675 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1410 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 682-8000 (412) 562-1415

(Name, address, and telephone number of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$.01	3,646,314 (1)	\$18.4375(1)	\$67,228,914(1)	\$19,833

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, which has been calculated pursuant to Rule 457(h) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"). In accordance with Rule 457(h), such price is the average of the high and low sale prices for the Common Stock as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange on August 21, 1998, as reported in The Wall Street Journal.

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION.

The documents containing the information specified in Part I of this Registration Statement will be sent or given to employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1). Such documents are not required to be and are not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as a part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Form S-8, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

ITEM 2. COMPANY INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION.

Upon written or oral request, any of the documents incorporated herein by reference in Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement (which documents are incorporated by reference in this Section 10(a) Prospectus) and other documents required to be delivered to eligible employees pursuant to Rule 428(b) or additional information about the Ocwen Financial Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan and its administrators are available without charge by contacting:

> Ocwen Financial Corporation The Forum, Building A 1675 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 (561) 682-8000 Attention: Secretary

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents filed or to be filed with the Commission are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

(a) The Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 1997;

(b) All reports filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K referred to in clause (a) above; (c) The description of the Common Stock of the Company contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A (Commission File No. 1-3219) filed with the Commission on July 25, 1997; and

(d) All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold.

Any statement contained in this Registration Statement, or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM. 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

The financial statements and schedules incorporated by reference in the Company's 1997 Annual Report on Form 10-K, also incorporated by reference in the prospectus and elsewhere in this Registration Statement, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

 $\label{eq:company} \mbox{ Article V of the Company's Articles of Incorporation provides as follows:}$

INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by the provisions of Fla. Stat. Section 607.0850, as the same may be amended and supplemented, indemnify any and all persons whom it shall have power to indemnify under said section from and against any and all of the expenses, liabilities, or other matters referred to in or covered by said section, and the indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

Section 607.0850 of the Florida Business Corporation Act provides as follows:

607.0850 INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS.

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(1) A corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding (other than an action by, or in the right of, the corporation), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

(2) A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person, who was or is a party to any proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the board of directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including any appeal thereof. Such indemnification shall be authorized if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made under this subsection in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such proceeding was brought, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

(3) To the extent that a director, officer, employee, or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any proceeding referred to in subsection (1) or subsection (2), or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

(4) Any indemnification under subsection (1) or subsection (2), unless pursuant to a determination by a court, shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsection (1) or subsection (2). Such determination shall be made:

(a) By the board of directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such proceeding;

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(b) If such a quorum is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, by majority vote of a committee duly designated by the board of directors (in which directors who are parties may participate) consisting solely of two or more directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;

(c) By independent legal counsel:

(1) Selected by the board of directors prescribed in paragraph (a) or the committee prescribed in paragraph (b); or

(2) If a quorum of the directors cannot be obtained for paragraph (a) and the committee cannot be designated under paragraph (b), selected by majority vote of the full board of directors (in which directors who are parties may participate); or

(d) By the shareholders by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of shareholders who were not parties to such proceeding or, if no such quorum is obtainable, by a majority vote of shareholders who were not parties to such proceeding.

(5) Evaluation of the reasonableness of expenses and authorization of indemnification shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible. However, if the determination of permissibility is made by independent legal counsel, persons specified by paragraph (4)(c) shall evaluate the reasonableness of expenses and may authorize indemnification.

(6) Expenses incurred by an officer or director in defending a civil or criminal proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if he or she is ultimately found not to be entitled to indemnification by the corporation pursuant to this section. Expenses incurred by other employees and agents may be paid in advance upon such terms or conditions that the board of directors deems appropriate.

(7) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided pursuant to this section are not exclusive, and a corporation may make any other or further indemnification or advancement of expenses of any of its directors, officers, employees, or agents, under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. However, indemnification or advancement of expenses shall not be made to or on behalf of any director, officer, employee, or agent if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his or her actions, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute:

(a) A violation of the criminal law, unless the director, officer, employee, or agent had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful;

(b) A transaction from which the director, officer, employee, or agent derived an improper personal benefit;

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(c) In the case of a director, a circumstance under which the liability provisions of s.607.0834 are applicable; or

(d) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the corporation in a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor or in a proceeding by or in the right of a shareholder.

(8) Indemnification and advancement of expenses as provided in this section shall continue as, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified.

(9) Unless the corporation's articles of incorporation provide otherwise, notwithstanding the failure of a corporation to provide indemnification, and despite any contrary determination of the board or of the shareholders in the specific case, a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation who is or was a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, to the court conducting the proceeding, to the circuit court, or to another court of competent jurisdiction. On receipt of an application, the court, after giving notice that it considers necessary, may order indemnification and advancement of expenses, including expenses incurred in seeking court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses, if it determines that:

(a) The director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to mandatory indemnification under subsection (3), in which case the court shall also order the corporation to pay the director reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses;

(b) The director, officer, employee or agent is entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, by virtue of the exercise by the corporation of its power pursuant to subsection (7); or

(c) The director, officer, employee, or agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, in view of all the relevant circumstances, regardless of whether such person met the standard of conduct set forth in subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (7).

(10) For purposes of this section, the term "corporation" includes, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of a constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of a constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, is in the same position under this section with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

(11) For purposes of this section:

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(a) The term "other enterprises" includes employee benefit
plans;

(b) The term "expenses" includes counsel fees, including those for appeal;

(c) The term "liability" includes obligations to pay for a judgment, settlement, penalty, find (including an excise tax assessed with respect to any employee benefit plan), and expenses actually and reasonably incurred with respect to a proceeding;

(d) The term "proceeding" includes any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or other type of proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative and whether formal or informal;

(e) The term "agent" includes a volunteer;

(f) The term "serving at the request of the corporation" includes any service as a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation that imposes duties on such persons, including duties relating to an employee benefit plan and its participants or beneficiaries; and

(g) The term "not opposed to the best interest of the corporation" describes the actions of a person who acts in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan.

(12) A corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this section.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are filed with or incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (numbering corresponds to Exhibit Table in Item 601 of Regulation S-K):

- No. Exhibit
- 4.01 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to the similarly described exhibit filed in connection with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 333-5153)
- 4.02 Bylaws, as amended (incorporated by reference to the similarly described exhibit filed in connection with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 333-5153)
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- 5 Opinion of Buchanan Ingersoll Professional Corporation (filed herewith)
- 23.01 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (filed herewith)
- 23.02 Consent of Buchanan Ingersoll Professional Corporation (contained in opinion filed as Exhibit 5.01 hereto)
- 24 Power of attorney for any subsequent amendments (contained in the signature pages hereto)
- 99.1 Ocwen Financial Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to the similarly described exhibit to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement with respect to the Company's 1998 Annual Meeting as filed with the Commission on March 31, 1998)

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

The undersigned Company hereby undertakes:

1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement: (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act; (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement; and (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change in such information in the Registration Statement; provided, however, that clauses (i) and (ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

2. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

4. That, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

5. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against liabilities (other than the

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payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the questions whether such indemnification by it is against public policy expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the city of West Palm Beach, State of Florida, on the 25th day of August, 1998.

OCWEN FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ WILLIAM C. ERBEY

William C. Erbey, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated. Each person whose signature appears below hereby makes, constitutes and appoints William C. Erbey his true and lawful attorney, with full power to sign for such person and in such person's name and capacity indicated below, and with full power of substitution any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, hereby ratifying and confirming such person's signature as it may be signed by said attorney to any and all amendments.

/s/ WILLIAM C. ERBEY	August	25,	1998
William C. Erbey Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)			
/s/ THOMAS F. LEWIS	August	25,	1998
Hon. Thomas F. Lewis Director			
/s/ W.C. MARTIN	August	11,	1998
W.C. Martin Director			
/s/ HOWARD H. SIMON	August	25,	1998
Howard H. Simon Director			
/s/ BARRY N WISH	August	25,	1998
Barry N. Wish Director			
/s/ MARK S. ZEIDMAN	August	25,	1998
Mark S. Zeidman Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)			

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Board of Directors Ocwen Financial Corporation The Forum, Building A 1675 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Ocwen Financial Corporation, a Florida corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the proposed issuance by the Company of up to 3,646,314 shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), pursuant to the terms of the Ocwen Financial Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

In connection with such proposed issuance, we have examined the Plan, the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, the Bylaws of the Company, as amended, the relevant corporate proceedings of the Company, the Registration Statement on Form S-8 covering the issuance of such shares, and such other documents, records, certificates of public officials, statutes and decisions as we consider necessary to express the opinions contained herein. In the examination of such documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures and the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to those original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that when the Registration Statement shall have been declared effective by order of the Securities and Exchange Commission and when the Common Stock has been duly issued and delivered pursuant to the terms of the Plan, such shares of Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ James J. Barnes, Esquire

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this registration statement on Form S-8 of our report dated January 27, 1998, incorporated by reference into Ocwen Financial Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997. We also consent to the references to us under the heading Interest of Named Experts and Counsel.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

August 25, 1998