

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): April 6, 2012

ACADIA REALTY TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-12002

(Commission File Number)

23-2715194

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1311 Mamaroneck Avenue

Suite 260

White Plains, New York 10605

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(914) 288-8100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

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 - 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))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously reported, on January 27, 2012, Acadia Realty Trust (the “Registrant”) entered into an ATM Equity Offering Sales Agreement (the “Sales Agreement”) with each of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Barclays Capital Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, which will act as sales agents (the “Sales Agents”) to sell, from time to time, the Registrant’s common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Shares”), having an aggregate sale price up to \$75,000,000, through an “at the market” equity offering program. The Common Shares were initially to be issued pursuant to the Registrant’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-157886).

On April 6, 2012, the Registrant filed a new shelf registration statement (the “New Shelf”) on Form S-3 ASR (File No. 333-180607). On April 6, 2012, the Registrant filed a prospectus supplement, dated April 5, 2012, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the offer and sale of the Common Shares being sold under the New Shelf pursuant to the Sales Agreement and the Common Shares will now be issued pursuant to the New Shelf.

On April 5, 2012, Venable LLP delivered its legality opinion with respect to the Common Shares to be issued pursuant to the Sales Agreement. A copy of the legality opinion is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	ATM Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated January 27, 2012, among the Registrant, on the one hand, and each of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Barclays Capital Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, on the other hand. (Filed as Exhibit 1.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 30, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference.)
5.1	Opinion of Venable LLP as to legality of the securities
23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

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.

ACADIA REALTY TRUST

Date: April 13, 2012

By: /s/ Jon Grisham

Name: Jon Grisham

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

[LETTERHEAD OF VENABLE LLP]

April 5, 2012

Acadia Realty Trust
1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260
White Plains, NY 10605

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-180607)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to Acadia Realty Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust (the "Trust"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law relating to the sale and issuance of common shares (the "Shares") of beneficial interest, par value \$.001 per share, of the Trust (the "Common Shares") having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$75,000,000, covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement, and all amendments related thereto (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Trust with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"). The Shares will be issued from time to time in public offerings at market or negotiated prices pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement, dated April 5, 2012 (the "Prospectus Supplement").

In connection with our representation of the Trust, and as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

1. The Registration Statement and the related form of prospectus included therein in the form in which it was transmitted to the Commission under the 1933 Act;
 2. The Prospectus Supplement;
 3. The Declaration of Trust of the Trust, as amended (the "Declaration of Trust"), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
 4. The Bylaws of the Trust, as amended, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Trust;
 5. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Trust, dated as of a recent date;
 6. Resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Trust, or a duly authorized committee thereof (the "Resolutions") relating to, among other matters, the authorization of the registration, sale and issuance of the Shares, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Trust;
 7. A certificate executed by an officer of the Trust, dated as of the date hereof; and
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8. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to do so.

2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Trust) is duly authorized to do so.

3. Each of the parties (other than the Trust) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.

4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.

5. The Shares will not be issued or transferred in violation of the restrictions on transfer and ownership contained in Article VI of the Declaration of Trust.

6. Upon the issuance of any of the Shares, the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of Common Shares that the Trust is then authorized to issue under the Declaration of Trust.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Trust is a real estate investment trust duly formed and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.

2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered by the Trust in accordance with the Resolutions and the Registration Statement against payment of the consideration set forth therein, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other law. We express no opinion as to the applicability or effect of federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or as to federal or state laws regarding fraudulent transfers. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter. The opinion expressed herein is subject to the effect of any judicial decision which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Trust's Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the Shares (the "Current Report"). We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Current Report and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the 1933 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP
