Bankrate, Inc. Form S-8 June 17, 2011

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Registration No. 333-

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BANKRATE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

65-0423422 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

11760 U.S. Highway One, Suite 200 North Palm Beach, Florida (Addresses of Principal Executive Offices)

33408 (Zip Code)

Bankrate, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Edward J. DiMaria, Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer

11760 U.S. Highway One, Suite 200

North Palm Beach, Florida 33408

(Name and address of agent for service)

(561) 630-2400

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company "

Calculation of Registration Fee

Proposed Proposed maximum Title of securities Amount to be maximum offering aggregate offering Amount of price(2) to be registered $registered^{(1)}$ price per share registration fee 12,120,000 \$15.00 \$181.800.000 \$21,106.98

Bankrate, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan - Common

Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

- (1) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the proposed maximum offering price per share and the proposed maximum aggregate offering price are estimated for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee and are based on the price per share of common stock in the registrant s initial public offering pursuant to its Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-173550) initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 15, 2011, as amended, relating to the initial public offering, equal to \$15.00, on June 16, 2011.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this Form S-8 Registration Statement is to register an aggregate of 12,120,000 shares of Bankrate, Inc. (the Company) common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock) which may be offered pursuant to the Bankrate, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan (the Plan).

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS

The information specified in Item 1 and Item 2 of Part I of this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the Registration Statement) is omitted from this filing in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) and the introductory note to Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be delivered to the participants in the Plan covered by this Registration Statement as required by Rule 428(b)(1).

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement (excluding any portions of such documents that have been furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)):

The Company s final prospectus dated June 16, 2011 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) June 17, 2011 pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) under the Securities Act in connection with the Company s registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333- 173550);

The Company s other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the document listed in the first bullet above;

The description of the Company s common stock contained in the Company s Form 8-A, filed on June 16, 2011, and any subsequent amendment thereto filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

All other documents filed by the Company under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement indicating that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold. Any statement contained in this Registration Statement or a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained in this Registration Statement or in any other subsequently filed document that is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will 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

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Registrant s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation will provide that the liability of the directors for monetary damages will be eliminated to the fullest extent permissible under the Delaware General Corporation Law (the DGCL), and the Registrant may indemnify our officers, employees and agents to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL.

The DGCL provides that, in general, a corporation may indemnify any person who is or was a party to any proceeding (other than action by, or in the right of, such corporation) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of Bankrate, against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, 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, provided certain standards are met, including that such officer or director 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 provided further that,

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not Applicable.

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with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the officer or director had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. In the case of proceedings by or in the right of the corporation, the DGCL provides that, in general, a company may indemnify any person who was or is a party to any such proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the corporation against expenses and amounts paid in settlement of such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, provided that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the corporation, except that no indemnification will be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person is adjudged liable unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such proceeding was brought, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, determines upon application that such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity. To the extent that any officers or directors are successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any of the proceedings described above, the DGCL provides that a corporation is required to indemnify such officers or directors against expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection therewith. However, the DGCL further provides that, in general, indemnification or advancement of expenses will not be made to or on behalf of any officer or director 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: (1) a violation of the criminal law, unless the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe it was unlawful; (2) a transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper personal benefit; (3) in the case of a director, circumstances under which the director has voted for or assented to a distribution made in violation of the DGCL or such corporation s Certificate of Incorporation; or (4) 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 stockholder.

We have entered into Director Indemnification Agreements with certain of our directors whereby we agreed to fully indemnify and hold harmless each such director if such director was or is a party to, among other things, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, arbitration, investigation or inquiry, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of such director s status as a director, officer, manager, employee, agent or fiduciary of the Company. The Company currently has such an insurance policy covering its directors and officers to insure against certain losses incurred by them. A director will not be indemnified against any claim for which payment has actually been made under any insurance policy or other indemnity provision, for an accounting of profits made from the purchase and sale of securities of Bankrate, in connection with any proceeding initiated by the director or if it is adjudicated that the director failed to act in good faith and in a manner such director reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of Bankrate. The agreement lasts for so long as such director, officer, employee or agent of Bankrate and for so long as such person is subject to any proceeding by reason of such status.

Item 8. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Bankrate, Inc.
4.2	Second Amended and Restated By-Laws of Bankrate, Inc.
5.1	Opinion of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
23.1	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP
23.2	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23.3	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.4	Consent of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (included in Exhibit 5.1)
99.1	Bankrate, Inc. 2011 Equity Compensation Plan, dated June 16, 2011

- Item 9. Undertakings
- (a) The undersigned registrant 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 this 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that the undertakings set forth in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs 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 this 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.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for 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 this 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.

(c) 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 such liabilities (other than the 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 question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as 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, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of North Palm Beach, State of Florida, on the 17th day of June, 2011.

BANKRATE, INC.

By: /s/ Edward J. DiMaria
Name: Edward J. DiMaria

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of the undersigned directors and officers of Bankrate, Inc. hereby constitutes and appoints Thomas R. Evans and Edward J. DiMaria, and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and his name place and stead, in any and all capacities, to execute any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, to sign any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, and to cause the same to be filed with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and desirable to be done in and about the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated below.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Thomas R. Evans Thomas R. Evans	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	June 17, 2011
/s/ Edward J. DiMaria Edward J. DiMaria	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	June 17, 2011
/s/ Peter C. Morse Peter C. Morse	Director	June 17, 2011
/s/ Seth Brody Seth Brody	Director	June 17, 2011
/s/ RICHARD J. PINOLA Richard J. Pinola	Director	June 17, 2011
/s/ Christian Stahl Christian Stahl	Director	June 17, 2011
/s/ James Tieng James Tieng	Director	June 17, 2011
/s/ MITCH TRUWIT Mitch Truwit	Director	June 17, 2011

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