

Cowen Group, Inc.  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 12, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**SCHEDULE 13G**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\***

**cowen group inc**

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(Name of Issuer)

**COMMON STOCK**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**223621103**

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(CUSIP Number)

**December 31, 2008**

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the Rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d – 1(b)
- Rule 13d – 1(c)
- Rule 13d – 1(d)

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The information required on the remainder of this page shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see the Notes.*)

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

Bank of America Corporation 56-0906609

**2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)** (a)

(b)

**3 SEC USE ONLY**

**4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION**

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	<b>5</b> SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>6</b> SHARED VOTING POWER	1,562,780
	<b>7</b> SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
	<b>8</b> SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	1,619,752

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

1,619,752

**10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)**

**11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)**

11.43%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)**

HC



**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

NB Holdings Corporation 56-1857749

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(a)

(b)

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**4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION**

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	<b>5</b> SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>6</b> SHARED VOTING POWER	1,562,780
	<b>7</b> SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
	<b>8</b> SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	1,619,752

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11.43%

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

BAC North America Holding Company 36-3737560

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(a)

(b)

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**4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION**

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES **5** SOLE VOTING POWER 0

BENEFICIALLY **6** SHARED VOTING POWER 1,562,280

OWNED BY EACH **7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

REPORTING PERSON **8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,619,252

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**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

1,619,252

**10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)**

**11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)**

11.37%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)**

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

BANA Holding Corporation 36-2685437

**2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)**

(a)

(b)

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**4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION**

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	<b>5</b> SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>6</b> SHARED VOTING POWER	1,562,280
	<b>7</b> SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
	<b>8</b> SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	1,619,252

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

1,619,252

**10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)**

**11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)**

11.37%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)**

HC

**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

Bank of America, NA 94-1687665

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**4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION**

United States

NUMBER OF SHARES **5** SOLE VOTING POWER 96

BENEFICIALLY **6** SHARED VOTING POWER 1,562,184

OWNED BY EACH **7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 96

REPORTING PERSON **8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,619,156

**9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON**

1,619,252

**10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)**

**11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)**

11.37%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)**

BK

**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

Columbia Management Group, LLC 94-1687665

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(b)

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**4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION**

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	<b>5</b> SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>6</b> SHARED VOTING POWER	1,559,594
	<b>7</b> SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
	<b>8</b> SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	1,619,156

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1,619,156

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**11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)**

11.37%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)**

PN

**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

Columbia Management Advisors, LLC 94-1687665

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(b)

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Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	<b>5</b> SOLE VOTING POWER	1,554,894
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>6</b> SHARED VOTING POWER	4,700
	<b>7</b> SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	1,619,156
	<b>8</b> SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

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11.37%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)**

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**1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS**

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

Banc of America Securities Holdings Corporation 56-2103478

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(b)

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**4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION**

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	<b>5</b> SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	<b>6</b> SHARED VOTING POWER	500