

Education Realty Trust, Inc.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
EDUCATION REALTY TRUST, INC.
 (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

MARYLAND
 (State or Other Jurisdiction of
 Incorporation or Organization)

20-1352180
 (I.R.S. Employer
 Identification No.)

530 Oak Court Drive, Suite 300
Memphis, Tennessee 38117
(901) 259-2500

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Education Realty Trust, Inc. 2004 Incentive Plan
 (Full Title of the Plan)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities	Amount to be registered(1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share(2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	800,000 shares	\$ 15.78	\$ 12,624,000	\$ 1,350.77

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares of common stock as may be issued as a result of adjustment by reason of a share dividend, share split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding shares of the Registrant's Common Stock. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or

sold pursuant to the employee and non-employee benefit plans described herein.

⁽²⁾ Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee. This amount was calculated in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act and based upon the average of the high and low sales prices of the registrant's common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on July 26, 2006.

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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are hereby incorporated by reference as of their respective dates:

- a. The Registrant's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005;
- b. The Registrant's Quarterly Report filed on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006;
- c. All other reports of the Registrant filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since December 31, 2005 (but excluding all information furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Item 2.01 and Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K); and
- d. The description of the Registrant's Common Stock, which is contained in a registration statement on Form 8-A filed on January 25, 2005 (File No. 001-32417) under the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description prior to the termination of the offering of the Common Stock offered hereby.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes hereof to the extent that a statement contained herein (or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated by reference herein) modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed to constitute a part hereof except as so modified or superseded.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Maryland law permits us to include in our charter a provision limiting the liability of our directors and officers to us and our stockholders for money damages, except for liability resulting from (i) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (ii) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment and material to the cause of action. Our charter contains a provision that eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

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Maryland law also requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Corporations are permitted to indemnify their present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made (or threatened to be made) a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that:

- an act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;
- the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or
- in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

A Maryland corporation may not, and we will not, indemnify a director or officer for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to, and we will, advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon receipt of:

- a written affirmation by the director or officer of his good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification; and
- a written undertaking by the director or officer on the director's or officer's behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the director or officer did not meet the standard of conduct.

Our Bylaws obligate us, to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law, to indemnify and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to:

- any present or former director or officer who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity; or
- any individual who, while serving as our director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or any other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity.

Our Bylaws also authorize us to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of ours in any of the capacities described above and to any person who served as an employee or agent of us or our predecessor.

The partnership agreements of our Operating Partnership and University Towers Partnership provide that we, as general partner of our Operating Partnership and University Towers Partnership, and our officers and directors are indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by law.

In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our executive officers and directors.

Insofar as the foregoing provisions permit indemnification of directors, officers or persons controlling us for liability arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), the SEC has indicated that this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Item 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

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See the Index to Exhibits following the signature pages hereof.

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 of 1933;

(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. 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) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent 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 the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; provided, however, that clauses (i) and (ii) of this paragraph do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 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 hereof.

(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 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 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to 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.

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 Securities and Exchange 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.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, 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 on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Memphis, State of Tennessee, on this 28th day of July, 2006.

EDUCATION REALTY TRUST, INC.

By: **/s/Paul O. Bower**
 Paul O. Bower
 President, Chief Executive Officer &
 Chairman of the Board of Directors

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Paul O. Bower and Randall H. Brown, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Paul O. Bower Paul O. Bower	President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)	July 28, 2006
/s/ Randall H. Brown Randall H. Brown	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary (Principal Financial Officer)	July 28, 2006
/s/ J. Drew Koester J. Drew Koester	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	July 28, 2006
/s/ Monte J. Barrow Monte J. Barrow	Director	July 28, 2006
/s/ William J. Cahill, III William J. Cahill, III	Director	July 28, 2006
/s/ Randall L. Churchey Randall L. Churchey	Director	July 28, 2006
/s/ John L. Ford John L. Ford	Director	July 28, 2006

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Exhibits Number	Description
4.1	Form of Certificate for Common Stock of Education Realty Trust, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Amendment No. 5 to its Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-1192364), filed January 24, 2005.)
4.2	Second Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Education Realty Trust, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Amendment No. 2 to its Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-1192364), filed on December 10, 2004.)
4.3	Bylaws of Education Realty Trust, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-119264), filed on September 24, 2004.)
4.4	Form of Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Education Realty Operating Partnership, LP. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-119264), filed on September 24, 2004.)
4.5	Form of Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of University Towers Operating Partnership, LP. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-119264), filed on September 24, 2004.)
4.6	Education Realty Trust, Inc. 2004 Incentive Plan. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Amendment No. 4 to its Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-1192364), filed on January 11, 2005.)
4.7	First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Education Realty Limited Partner LLC
5	Opinion of Venable LLP
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, an Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
23.2	Consent of Reznick Group, P.C., an Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
23.3	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5)
24	Power of Attorney (included on signature page of this Registration Statement)