## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM S-8

## **REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Coach, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

**52-2242751** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Smaller reporting company  $\Box$ 

516 West 34th Street

**New York, NY 10001** (Address, including zip code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Coach, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan

(Full Title of Plan)

Todd Kahn, Esq. Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary 516 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001 (212) 594-1850

(Name and address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,

of agent for service)

Indicate by a 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 🗆

Non-accelerated filer  $\Box$  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

## **Calculation of Registration Fee**

Title of securities	Amount to be	Proposed	Proposed maximum	Amount of
to be registered	Registered(1)	maximum offering	aggregate	registration
		price per share(2)	offering price(2)	fee
Common Stock,	30,000,000 Shares	\$54.36	\$1,630,800,000	\$189,335.88
\$0.01 par value				

 Includes an indeterminate number of additional shares that may be issued to adjust the number of shares issued pursuant to the plan described herein as the result of any future stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment of Registrant's outstanding Common Stock.
Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based upon the average of the high and low price of the Registrant's Common Stock on March 2, 2011 as reported on the New York Stock Exchange.

## PART II

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by Coach, Inc. (the "Company") are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 3, 2010;
- (b) The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended October 2, 2010 and January 1, 2011;
- (c) The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 5, 2010, November 5, 2010, January 26, 2011, and February 25, 2011;
- (d) The description of the Company's common stock contained in the Company's registration statement on Form 8-A filed on September 27, 2000, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description, including without limitation the description of the Company's common stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on May 9, 2001, and the Company's Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-A/A filed on February 3, 2005; and
- (e) All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, before filing a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all of the shares of common stock offered have been sold or which deregisters all of such shares the remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement 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 of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document, which 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.

#### Not applicable.

#### Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Company is incorporated in Maryland. Section 2-405.2 of the Maryland General Corporation Law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as material to the cause of action. The Company's charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

The Company's charter authorizes it and the bylaws obligate it, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who has agreed to become a director or officer or who, while a director or officer of the Company and at the request of the Company, serves or has served another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, employee or agent from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her status as a present or former director or officer, or a person who has agreed to become a director or officer, of the Company and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The charter and bylaws also permit the Company with the approval of the Board of Directors, to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of the Company in any of the capacities described above and any employee or agent of the Company or a predecessor of the Company.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Company 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 is made a party by reason of his service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its 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 a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the 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 advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of (x) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (y) a written undertaking by him or on his behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

Certain of the Company's employee benefit plans provide indemnification of directors and other agents against certain claims arising from administration of such plans.

The Company maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers covering, subject to certain exceptions, any actual or alleged negligent act, error, omission, misstatement, misleading statement, neglect or breach of duty by such directors or officers, individually or collectively, in the discharge of their duties in their capacity as directors and officers of the Company.

## Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

#### Not applicable.

## Item 8. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
4.1	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Coach, Inc., dated February 7, 2008, which is incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 13, 2008
4.2	Articles Supplementary of Coach, Inc., dated May 3, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 9, 2001
4.3	Articles of Amendment of Coach, Inc., dated May 3, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 9, 2001
4.4	Articles of Amendment of Coach, Inc., dated May 3, 2002, which is incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.4 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2002
4.5	Articles of Amendment of Coach, Inc., dated February 1, 2005, which is incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 2, 2005
4.6	Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of May 3, 2001, between Coach, Inc. and Mellon Investor Services LLC, which is incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 2, 2005
4.7	Specimen Certificate for Common Stock of Coach, which is incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-39502)

5.1*	Opinion of Venable LLP regarding legality of securities being registered
23.1*	Consent of Venable LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
23.2*	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
24.1*	Powers of Attorney (included on signature page).
99.1	Coach, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A in the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 24, 2010).

\* Filed herewith.

## Item 9. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes as follows:

(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 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(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 paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) shall not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 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 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) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) 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 of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 6, 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 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 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 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 New York, State of New York on March 9, 2011.

## COACH, INC.

By: /s/ Lew Frankfort

Name: Lew Frankfort Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Lew Frankfort and Jerry Stritzke and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other 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 necessary to be done in and about the premises, as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his or her 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 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

#### PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE, FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Name	Title	Date
/s/ Lew Frankfort Lew Frankfort	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 9, 2011
/s/ Michael F. Devine, III Michael F. Devine, III	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 9, 2011
/s/ Susan Kropf Susan Kropf	Director	March 9, 2011

/s/ Gary Loveman Gary Loveman	Director	March 9, 2011
/s/ Ivan Menezes Ivan Menezes	Director	March 9, 2011
/s/ Irene Miller Irene Miller	Director	March 9, 2011
/s/ Michael Murphy Michael Murphy	Director	March 9, 2011
/s/ Jide Zeitlin Jide Zeitlin	Director	March 9, 2011

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## [VENABLE LLP LETTERHEAD]

March 9, 2011

Coach, Inc. 516 West 34th Street New York, New York 10001

#### Re: <u>Coach, Inc. – Registration Statement on Form S-8</u>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as special Maryland counsel to Coach, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law relating to the registration by the Company of up to 30,000,000 shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company covered by the Registration Statement on Form S-8, as filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") by the Company on or about the date hereof under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act") (the "Registration Statement"). The Shares will be issued pursuant to the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). We did not participate in the drafting of the Plan.

In connection with our representation of the Company, 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 (collectively, the "Documents"):

- 1. The Registration Statement;
- "SDAT");

2.

The charter of the Company, certified as of a recent date by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the

3. The Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

4. Resolutions (the "Resolutions") adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company relating to the issuance and sale of the Shares and the approval of the Plan, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

5. Minutes of the meeting of the stockholders of the Company held on November 3, 2010, at which the Plan was approved, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

6. The Plan;

7. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;

8. A certificate executed by an officer of the Company, dated as of the date hereof; and

9. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth in this letter, 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 Company) is duly authorized to do so.

3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and the obligations of such party 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. Upon issuance of any of the Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue.

6. Each option, restricted stock unit, right or other security exercisable or exchangeable for a Share will have been duly authorized, validly granted and duly exercised or exchanged in accordance with the terms of the Plan, including any option agreement entered into in connection therewith, at the time of any exercise of such option, restricted stock unit, right or other security.

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

1. The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing under the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.

2. The Shares have been duly authorized and, when and if issued and delivered against payment therefor in accordance with the Resolutions and the Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

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

/s/ VENABLE LLP

Very truly yours,

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our reports dated August 25, 2010, relating to the consolidated financial statements and consolidated financial statement schedule of Coach, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended July 3, 2010.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

New York, New York March 9, 2011