

INLAND WESTERN RETAIL REAL ESTATE TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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):

**December 10, 2008**

**INLAND WESTERN RETAIL REAL ESTATE TRUST, INC.**

(exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-51199**  
(Commission File Number)

**41-2679325**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2901 Butterfield Road, Oak Brook, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60523**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(630) 218-8000**

**Not Applicable**

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**INLAND WESTERN RETAIL REAL  
ESTATE TRUST, INC.**  
(Registrant)

By:

*/s/ Steven P. Grimes*  
Steven P. Grimes  
Chief Operating Officer, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: December 10, 2008

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | Letter to shareholders of Inland Western Retail Real Estate Trust, Inc. |