UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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): March 14, 2012

OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland (State of incorporation) 1-11316 (Commission File Number) **38-3041398** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 International Circle Suite 3500 Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 (Address of principal executive offices / Zip Code)

(410) 427-1700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e -4(c) under the Exchange Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: This Form 8-K is filed solely to provide the exhibits identified below for incorporation by reference into the registrant's Form S-3 Registration Statement (File No. 333-179795) in connection with the registrant's at-the-market offering described in the prospectus supplement filed concurrently with this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

- 5.1 Opinion of Bryan Cave LLP regarding the legality of the Common Stock offered pursuant to the prospectus supplement filed concurrently herewith.
- 23.1 Consent of Bryan Cave LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1).

SIGNATURES

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

OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC. (Registrant)

Dated: March 14, 2012

By: /s/ Robert O. Stephenson

Robert O. Stephenson Chief Financial Officer March 14, 2012

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. 200 International Circle Suite 3500 Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the issuance and sale of shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.10 par value per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$41,193,576 (the "Shares") pursuant to those certain Equity Distribution Agreements (collectively, the "Agreements") dated June 25, 2010 between the Company and each of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc., RBS Securities Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Jefferies & Company, Inc., and UBS Securities LLC (collectively, the "Managers"), as sales agent and/or principal. The Shares are being offered pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). This opinion is being delivered in connection with (a) that certain Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-179795), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on February 29, 2012 (the "Registration Statement"), and (b) a Prospectus Supplement, dated March 14, 2012 (the "Prospectus Supplement"), filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, which supplements the prospectus contained in the Registration Statement.

In connection herewith, we have examined:

- 1. the Agreements;
- 2. the Registration Statement; and
- 3. the Prospectus Supplement.

We have also examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the Articles of Amendment and Restatement and the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company and such other corporate records, agreements and instruments of the Company, certificates of public officials and officers of the Company, and such other documents, records and instruments, and we have made such legal and factual inquiries as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for us to render the opinions hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the foregoing, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal competence and capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies or by facsimile or other means of electronic transmission, or which we obtained from the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system or other sites maintained by a court or governmental authority or regulatory body, and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. When relevant facts were not independently established, we have relied without independent investigation as to matters of fact upon statements of governmental officials and upon representations made in or pursuant to the certificates and statements of appropriate representatives of the Company.

Based upon the foregoing and in reliance thereon, and subject to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. The Company is validly existing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland.
- 2. The Shares to be issued pursuant to the Agreements have been duly authorized for issuance, and upon the issuance and delivery of the Shares and the receipt by the Company of all consideration therefor in accordance with the terms of the Agreements, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

In addition to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth above, the opinions set forth herein are further limited by, subject to and based upon the following assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions:

Our opinions herein reflect only the application of the Maryland General Corporation Law (including the statutory provisions, all applicable provisions of the Maryland constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting the foregoing) and the federal laws of the United States, and we do not express any opinions herein concerning any other law. The opinions set forth herein are made as of the date hereof and are subject to, and may be limited by, future changes in the factual matters set forth herein, and we undertake no duty to advise you of the same. The opinions expressed herein are based upon the law in effect (and published or otherwise generally available) on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement these opinions should such law be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise.

We do not render any opinions except as set forth above. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal matters" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby concede that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Bryan Cave LLP