# **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): November 22, 2024 (November 22, 2024)

# **Gladstone Capital Corporation**

	(Exact name o	f registrant as specified in its char	rter)
	Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	814-00237 (Commission File Number)	54-2040781 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
	1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100 McLean, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)		22102 (Zip Code)
	(Registrant's	(703) 287-5800 telephone number, including area code	)
	(Former name or	former address, if changed since last re	port)
	ck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intende owing provisions:	d to simultaneously satisfy the filing	g obligation of the registrant under any of the
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Se	curities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Excha	ange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)	
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-	2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 C	FR 240.14d-2(b))
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-	4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 Cl	FR 240.13e-4(c))
Seci	urities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
	Title of each class	Trading symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered

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Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	GLAD	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
7.75% notes due 2028	GLADZ	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 22, 2024, Gladstone Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), filed a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") to the prospectus, dated January 17, 2024, covering the offer and sale of up to 5,561,275 shares of 6.25% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share, pursuant to the dealer manager agreement, dated May 31, 2023 (the "Dealer Manager Agreement"), by and between the Company and Gladstone Securities, LLC. A copy of the Dealer Manager Agreement was previously filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 1, 2023.

The Company is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K to provide the legal opinion of Venable LLP regarding the legality of the securities covered by the Prospectus Supplement, which opinion is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
5.1	Opinion of Venable LLP.
23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

#### **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.

Dated: November 22, 2024

### GLADSTONE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Nicole Schaltenbrand

Nicole Schaltenbrand Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer



November 22, 2024

Gladstone Capital Corporation Suite 100 1521 Westbranch Drive McLean, Virginia 22102

Re: Registration Statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-275934)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to Gladstone Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company") and a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law arising out of the registration of 5,561,275 shares (the "Shares") of 6.25% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), of the Company, to be issued in a public offering (the "Offering") pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement (as defined below) and the Dealer Manager Agreement (as defined below), covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement, and all amendments thereto (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act").

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 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

- 1. The Registration Statement;
- 2. The Prospectus, dated January 17, 2024, as supplemented by a Prospectus Supplement, dated November 22, 2024 (the "Prospectus Supplement"), filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated under the 1933 Act;
  - 3. The charter of the Company (the "Charter"), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
  - 4. The Bylaws of the Company, as amended (the "Bylaws"), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;



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- 5. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;
- 6. Resolutions (the "Resolutions") adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), relating to, among other matters, (a) the sale and issuance of the Shares and (b) the authorization of the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Dealer Manager Agreement, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
- 7. The Dealer Manager Agreement, dated as of May 31, 2023 (the "Dealer Manager Agreement"), by and between the Company and Gladstone Securities, LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company;
  - 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 below, 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 such party's obligations 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



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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 Series A Preferred Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter.

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

- 1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.
- 2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when and to the extent issued against payment therefor in accordance with the Registration Statement, the Prospectus Supplement, the Resolutions and the Dealer Manager Agreement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning federal law or the laws of any other state. We express no opinion as to compliance with any federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland or the 1940 Act, 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 subject to the effect of judicial decisions which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

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.



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This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form8-K relating to the Offering (the "Current Report"), which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Current Report and the said incorporation by reference and to the use of the name of our firm in the Prospectus Supplement. 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.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP