

United States  
Security and Exchange Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_ )\*

CATO CORP  
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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK  
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(Title of Class of Securities)

149205106  
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(CUSIP Number)

CUSIP No. 149205106

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR IRS IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
DePrince, Race & Zollo, Inc.  
59-3299598

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)  x  
(b)

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Incorporated in the State of Florida

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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF SHARES 1,373,100

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6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 1 none

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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING PERSON WITH 1,373,100

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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
1 none

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

\$ 17,335,387

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

No

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.17%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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ITEM 1.

- (a) Cato Corp.
- (b) 8100 Denmark Road  
Charlotte, NC 28273-5975

ITEM 2.

- (a) DePrince, Race & Zollo, Inc.
- (b) 201 S. Orange Ave, Suite 850  
Orlando, FL 32801
- (c) USA
- (d) common stock
- (e) 149205106

ITEM 3.

- (e) X

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

- (a) \$17,335,387
- (b) 5.17%
- (c) (i) 1,373,100 shares  
(iii) 1,373,100 shares

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

N/A

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

N/A

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY N/A

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

N/A

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

N/A

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date 02/10/2000

/s/ JOHN D. RACE

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Signature

JOHN D. RACE - Partner

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Name/Title