

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SECOND CURVE CAPITAL LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE, 52ND FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/08/2006

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
 ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10174

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/08/2006 | | P | | 41,904 | A | \$ 11.9367 | 3,487,704 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/08/2006 | | P | | 41,605 | A | \$ 11.9878 | 3,529,309 | I | By advisory clients of Second |

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|-------------------------|------------|---|---------|---|------------|-----------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/08/2006 | P | 8,096 | A | \$ 11.9367 | 3,537,405 | I | Curve Capital, LLC By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/08/2006 | P | 8,395 | A | \$ 11.9878 | 3,545,800 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/11/2006 | P | 124,815 | A | \$ 11.9331 | 3,670,615 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/11/2006 | P | 25,185 | A | \$ 11.9331 | 3,695,800 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/12/2006 | P | 41,605 | A | \$ 12.0189 | 3,737,405 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/12/2006 | P | 41,605 | A | \$ 11.92 | 3,779,010 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/12/2006 | P | 8,395 | A | \$ 12.0189 | 3,787,405 | I | By advisory |

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|----------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|-----------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/12/2006 | P | 8,395 | A | \$ 11.92 | 3,795,800 | I | clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/19/2006 | P | 41,605 | A | \$ 12.4114 | 3,837,405 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/19/2006 | P | 8,395 | A | \$ 12.4114 | 3,845,800 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/20/2006 | P | 33,783 | A | \$ 12.5761 | 3,879,583 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/20/2006 | P | 6,817 | A | \$ 12.5761 | 3,866,400 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 09/21/2006 | P | 24,963 | A | \$ 12.5638 | 3,911,363 | I | By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC |

Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 09/21/2006 P 5,037 A \$ 12.5638 3,916,400 I

By
advisory
clients of
Second
Curve
Capital,
LLC

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SECOND CURVE CAPITAL LLC 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE 52ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10174 | | X | | |
| BROWN THOMAS K C/O SECOND CURVE CAPITAL, LLC 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE, 52ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10174 | | X | | |

Signatures

Second Curve Capital, LLC, By: /s/ Thomas K. Brown, Managing Member

10/17/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Thomas K. Brown

10/17/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Second Curve Capital, LLC the investment manager of Second Curve Opportunity Fund, LP, Second Curve Opportunity Fund International, Ltd., Second Curve Partners, LP and Second Curve Partners International, Ltd., and Thomas K. Brown, the managing member of Second Curve Capital, LLC. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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