

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 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/08/2006		P		41,904	A	\$ 11.9367	3,487,704	I	By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	09/08/2006		P		41,605	A	\$ 11.9878	3,529,309	I	By advisory clients of Second

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

Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	09/12/2006	P	8,395	A	\$ 11.92	3,795,800	I	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 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/21/2006	P	5,037	A	\$ 12.5638	3,916,400	I	By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC
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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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