#### **ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC**

Form 4

October 17, 2006

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(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	DirectorX 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Y. Form filed by Mare then One Reporting		
NEW YORK, NY 10174		_X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie or Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	f (D)	uired (A) or	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	09/08/2006		Р	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

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

								clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC
Common Stock (1)	09/12/2006	P	8,395	A	\$ 11.92	3,795,800	I	By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC
Common Stock (1)	09/19/2006	P	41,605	A	\$ 12.4114	3,837,405	I	By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC
Common Stock (1)	09/19/2006	P	8,395	A	\$ 12.4114	3,845,800	I	By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC
Common Stock (1)	09/20/2006	P	33,783	A	\$ 12.5761	3,879,583	I	By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC
Common Stock (1)	09/20/2006	Р	6,817	A	\$ 12.5761	3,866,400	I	By advisory clients of Second Curve Capital, LLC
Common Stock (1)	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	Ī	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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	<b>.</b>	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secun Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
coporting of the relation	Director	10% Owner	ips 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					

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## **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).

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

(1) 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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