

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â SECOND CURVE CAPITAL LLC                |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)  | ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]                    |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 09/01/2006  |  |  |
| 405 LEXINGTON AVENUE, Â 52ND FLOOR        |         |          | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |
| NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10174                    |         |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below) |  |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |  |  |
|   |         |          | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  |  |  |
|   |         |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person   |  |  |
|   |         |          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 3,445,800 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | 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. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                  |                 | Title      |                            |                              |   |

## Reporting Owners

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

## 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 5(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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