

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BARKLEY BARRY R**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/27/2006**

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

**C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC., 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200**

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**SAN DIEGO, CA 92123**

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount or Price				
Common Stock	03/27/2006		S		5,000	D	\$ 15.11 78,333	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 15.111 77,333	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 15.113 76,333	I	By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated

Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 15.12	71,333	I	10/14/1998 By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 15.126	70,333	I	10/14/1998 By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	1,127	D	\$ 15.13	69,206	I	10/14/1998 By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	500	D	\$ 15.14	68,706	I	10/14/1998 By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	100	D	\$ 15.15	68,606	I	10/14/1998 By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 15.136	67,606	I	10/14/1998 By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/27/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 15.141	66,606	I	10/14/1998 By Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998

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)	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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(Instr. 3,  
4, and 5)

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Code V (A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARKLEY BARRY R C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC. 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel Murphy, Attorney-in-Fact for Barry R. Barkley	03/28/2006
<u>        </u> 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).

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