

Wittekind Beverly B.  
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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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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Wittekind Beverly B.		(Month/Day/Year)	ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/10/2009	
27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)		(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
MISSION VIEJO,Â CAÂ 92691		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	V.P & General Counsel	

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	40,500	D	Â

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

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

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

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/19/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/18/2013	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 0.8075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/01/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/31/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 5.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/26/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/28/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 7.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/22/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/21/2018	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 11.03	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/29/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2019	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 16.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/23/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/22/2019	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 15.92	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wittekind Beverly B. 27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	Â	Â	Â V.P & General Counsel	Â

## Signatures

Daniel H. Walker, by power of attorney  
11/10/2009

\_\_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 Employee Stock Options are subject to a five year vesting schedule with 20% of the options vesting each year and were fully exercisable on the date of grant for restricted stock subject to the same vesting schedule.
- (2) These Employee Stock Options are subject to a five year vesting schedule with 20% of the options vesting each year.

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