

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)  
**03/29/2006**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price					
Common Stock	03/29/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 14.55	55,206	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006		S		845	D	\$ 14.57	54,361	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 14.5795	53,361	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated

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Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	5,218	D	\$ 14.58	48,143	I	10/14/1998 Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.582	47,143	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.585	46,143	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,133	D	\$ 14.59	45,010	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	3,200	D	\$ 14.6	41,810	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.604	40,810	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.62	39,810	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	700	D	\$ 14.63	39,110	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 14.64	37,710	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	2,793	D	\$ 14.65	34,917	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	3,001	D	\$ 14.67	31,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998

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Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.6726	30,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.6744	29,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.6777	28,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.6794	27,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.6877	26,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 14.69	23,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.6998	22,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.7	21,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.7451	20,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.7848	19,916	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006	S	100	D	\$ 14.79	19,816	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
	03/29/2006	S	100	D	\$ 14.81	19,716	I	

Common Stock									Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 14.82	18,716	I	Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/29/2006		S	100	D	\$ 14.85	18,616	I	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) (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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						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

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## Signatures

/s/ Daniel Murphy, Attorney-in-Fact for Barry R.  
Barkley

03/30/2006

\_\_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).

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