

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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<br>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 |   |

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|--------------|------------|--|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|---|
| 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 |

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 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

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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).

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