

Stapley Gregory K.
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Stapley Gregory K.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

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(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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/22/2011	Â	G	4,500	D	\$ 0	674,254	I ⁽¹⁾	By Stapley Family Trust Dated 4/25/06
Common Stock	09/02/2011	Â	G	6,000	D	\$ 0	668,284	I ⁽¹⁾	By Stapley Family Trust Dated 4/25/06

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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. Other
Common Stock		11/03/2011	Â	G	18,000 D	\$ 0 650,284	I (1)		By Stapley Family Trust Dated 4/25/06
Common Stock		09/02/2011	Â	G(2)	3,000 A	\$ 0 5,350	I (2)		By daughter
Common Stock		09/02/2011	Â	G(2)	3,000 A	\$ 0 34,050	I (2)		By wife as UGMA custodian for children

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. Other
						Date Exercisable (A) (D)	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stapley Gregory K. 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

Signatures

/s/ Suzanne Snapper, as power of attorney
02/14/2012

**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).
- (1) These shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/06 and indirectly by Gregory K. Stapley as Trustee of the trust. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer.

- This transaction involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to his children. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership
- (2) of the shares by his children, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his children's shares for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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