

Stapley Gregory K.
Form 5
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FORM 5

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

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

(Street)

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

____X____ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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

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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. of Derivative Securities (Instr. 5)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable 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,Â CAÂ 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).

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- (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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