

Wittekind Beverly B.
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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Wittekind Beverly B.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450

(Street)

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/30/2018

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 below) ____ Other (specify below)

VP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/30/2018		S ⁽¹⁾	168 D	\$ 37.079	53,816	D
Common Stock	11/01/2018		M	5,998 A	\$ 4.56	59,814	D
Common Stock	11/01/2018		M	12,000 A	\$ 4.35	71,814	D
Common Stock	11/01/2018		S ⁽²⁾	4,000 D	\$ 40	67,814	D
Common Stock	11/01/2018		S ⁽²⁾	4,998 D	\$ 41	62,816	D

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Common Stock	11/01/2018	S ⁽²⁾	4,000	D	\$ 42	58,816	D
Common Stock	11/01/2018	S ⁽²⁾	5,000	D	\$ 43	53,816	D

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.56	11/01/2018		M		5,998		01/29/2010 ⁽³⁾	01/29/2019	Common Stock	5,998
Common Stock	\$ 4.35	11/01/2018		M		12,000		07/23/2010 ⁽⁴⁾	07/23/2019	Common Stock	14,600

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Chad A. Keetch, as power of attorney
11/01/2018

**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) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on December 14, 2016.
- (2) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on September 11, 2018.
- (3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 10,988 shares, was granted on January 29, 2009 and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on January 29, 2010, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (4) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 14,664 shares, was granted on July 23, 2009 and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on July 23, 2010, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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