

NICKOLL JOHN F  
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 \*  
NICKOLL JOHN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SIGNATURE GROUP HOLDINGS INC [SGGH.PK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10800 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 103  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/27/2010

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |                              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |   |                              |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 10/27/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>            |  | A                              | 45,181 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A   | \$ 0.83  | 670,181                           | I | John F. Nickoll Living Trust |

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NICKOLL JOHN F<br>10800 WILSHIRE BLVD.<br>SUITE 103<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90024 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John Nickoll                      10/29/2010  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

On October 27, 2010, the Board of Directors of Signature Group Holdings, Inc. approved a compensation package for each of its independent Directors which includes annual compensation of \$75,000 of restricted stock. The restricted stock shall vest at the end of (1) each year of the grant, subject to immediate vesting in the event of a change of control. The initial grants were issued on October 27, 2010 in the amount of \$37,500 for each independent Director for the period relating to their services from June 11, 2010 through December 31, 2010 which shall be deemed vested on January 1, 2011.

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