

BRADY CORP  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Curran Bentley                          |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | BRADY CORP [BRC]                                   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| 6555 WEST GOOD HOPE ROAD                  |         | 11/20/2008                           | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
| MILWAUKEE,Â WIÂ 53223                     |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |                                      | VP Chief Information Officer                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Class A Common Stock               | 221 <sup>(1)</sup>                                       | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date |                     | Amount or Number of Shares |            | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 11/14/2003       | 11/14/2012      | Option to Buy       | 5,000                      | \$ 16.3875 | D                          | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/20/2004       | 11/20/2013      | Option to Buy       | 7,000                      | \$ 17.325  | D                          | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/02/2005       | 08/02/2014      | Option to Buy       | 2,000                      | \$ 22.6325 | D                          | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/18/2005       | 11/18/2014      | Option to Buy       | 4,000                      | \$ 28.8425 | D                          | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/13/2005       | 12/13/2014      | Option to Buy       | 3,000                      | \$ 30.8925 | D                          | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/30/2006       | 11/30/2015      | Option to Buy       | 12,000                     | \$ 37.83   | D                          | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/30/2007       | 11/30/2016      | Option to Buy       | 12,000                     | \$ 38.19   | D                          | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/01/2008       | 08/01/2017      | Option to Buy       | 15,000                     | \$ 35.35   | D                          | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/04/2008       | 12/04/2017      | Option to Buy       | 15,000                     | \$ 38.31   | D                          | Â |
| Deferred Comp Units  | Â (2)            | Â (2)           | Deferred Comp Units | 97                         | \$ (2)     | D                          | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Curran Bentley<br>6555 WEST GOOD HOPE ROAD<br>MILWAUKEE, WI 53223 | Â             | Â         | Â VP Chief Information Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

Barbara Bolens 11/26/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock purchased under the issuer's 401(K) payroll deduction plan.
- (2) The deferred compensation stock units were acquired under the Brady Corporation employee deferred compensation plan. Each deferred compensation unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock. The deferred compensation units become payable

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in shares of Brady's Class A Common Stock upon the reporting persons cessation of service as an employee of Brady Corporation.

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