#### McKeever Steven B. Form 3 September 17, 2012 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> McKeever Steven B.			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARES CAPITAL CORP [ARCC]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/07/2012	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
2000 AVEN STARS, 12				(Check all applicable)		,		
(Street)			XDirector10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting		
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067							Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivati	ve Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) 3. 4. Na Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			1		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	

(Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner		Other			
McKeever Steven B. 2000 AVENUE OF THE STARS 12TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90067	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
/s/ Monica Shilling, by power of attorney		09/17/201	12				
<pre>#Signature of Reporting Person</pre>		Date					
Explanation of Responses:							

### No securities are beneficially owned

\* 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).

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### **Remarks:**

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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