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December 21	, 2004										
FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION									PPROVAL		
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	Section 17	(a) of the Public		ding Con	ipany	Act o	f 1935 or Sectio	n			
(Print or Type R	lesponses)										
DONEGAL MUTUAL Sym			uer Name and Ticker or Trading ol EGAL GROUP INC [DGICB]				 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 				
(N			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				DirectorX 10% Owner				
1195 RIVER ROAD			12/17/2004				Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 				
MARIETTA	, PA 17547						Form filed by M Person	Aore than One Re	porting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	able I - Non-E	Derivative S	Securi	ities Aco	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Code ear) (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Class B Common Stock	12/17/2004		Р	542	A	\$ 20.5	2,017,911	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 o Derivativ Security (Instr. 3)	ve Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. tionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code	(Histi 5, 4, and 5) V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Other

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		
DONEGAL MUTUAL INSURANCE CO 1195 RIVER ROAD MARIETTA, PA 17547		Х			
Signatures					
Ralph G. Spontak, Sr V P, Secretary and CFO	12/21/2004				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		Date			
Evaluation of Deenener					

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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