

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**06-1798488**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**27612**  
(Zip Code)

**TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION AMENDED AND RESTATED 2007 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**  
(Full title of the plan)

**Garland S. Tucker, III**  
**Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina 27612**  
(Name and address of agent for service)

**(919) 719-4770**  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock \$0.001 par value per share	1,500,000	\$ 26.23	\$ 39,345,000	\$ 5,366.66

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares of common stock as may be issued as a result of adjustment by reason of share dividend, share split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding shares of the Registrant's common stock
- (2) Estimated solely for the purposes of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) on the basis of the average of the high and low price for shares of the Registrant's Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on January 3, 2013.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 hereby registers 1,500,000 additional shares of Common Stock for issuance under Triangle Capital Corporation's (the "Company") Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Amended and Restated Plan"). Previously, 900,000 shares of Common Stock under the Amended and Restated Plan were registered on April 3, 2007 (File No. 333-141827). At the Company's annual meeting of stockholders on May 2, 2012, the stockholders approved an amendment to the Amended and Restated Plan to increase the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Amended and Restated Plan by 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock. The Amended and Restated Plan allows the Company, under the direction of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, to make grants of restricted stock other stock-based awards to the Company's directors and certain of its employees.

### PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

### PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### **Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") by the Company, are incorporated as of their respective dates in this Registration Statement by reference:

- a. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the Commission on March 7, 2012;
- b. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 19, 2012 (Item 5.02);
- c. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, filed with the Commission on May 2, 2012;
- d. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 2, 2012 (Items 5.02, 5.07 and 9.01);
- e. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, filed with the Commission on August 1, 2012;
- f. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 19, 2012 (Items 1.01, 2.03 and 9.01);

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- g. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on October 19, 2012 (Items 1.01, 2.03 and 9.01);
  - h. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012, filed with the Commission on November 7, 2012;
  - i. All other reports of the Company filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), since December 31, 2011 (but excluding all information furnished to the Commission pursuant to Items 2.01 and 7.01 of any current report on Form 8-K); and
  - j. The description of the Company's common stock referenced in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A (No. 001-33130), filed on December 27, 2010, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description prior to the termination of the offering of the common stock registered hereby.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c) 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. The Company's charter contains such a provision that eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act.

The Company's charter authorizes the Company, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at the Company's request, serves or has served another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any

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claim or liability to which such person may become subject or which such person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity, except with respect to any matter as to which he or she is finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the Company's best interest.

The Company's bylaws obligate the Company, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at the Company's request, serves or has served another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in any such capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity. The Company's bylaws also require the Company, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by any such indemnified person in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Company's charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

The Company has purchased directors' and officers' insurance policies covering our directors and officers and the Company for any acts and omissions committed, attempted or allegedly committed by any director or officer during the policy period. The policy is subject to customary exclusions.

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**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

- 4.2 Form of Common Stock Certificate (Filed as Exhibit (d) to the Registrant's post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 15, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.3 Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit (a)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.4 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit (b) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2/N-5 (File No. 333-138418) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 5.1 Opinion of Venable LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of Venable LLP is contained in Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (incorporated in the Signature Page).
- 99.1 Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 2, 2012).

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
  - (1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement:
    - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
    - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set

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forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement;

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply to information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs that is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be an initial bona fide offering thereof.
  - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
  - (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification

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against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or other controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

### TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Garland S. Tucker, III  
Garland S. Tucker, III  
President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Garland S. Tucker, III, Steven C. Lilly and C. Robert Knox, Jr., and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following person in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Garland S. Tucker, III</u> Garland S. Tucker, III	President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)	January 4, 2013
<u>/s/ Steven C. Lilly</u> Steven C. Lilly	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Director (Principal Financial Officer)	January 4, 2013
<u>/s/ C. Robert Knox, Jr.</u> C. Robert Knox, Jr.	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	January 4, 2013
<u>/s/ Brent P. W. Burgess</u> Brent P. W. Burgess	Chief Investment Officer and Director	January 4, 2013
<u>/s/ W. McComb Dunwoody</u> W. McComb Dunwoody	Director	January 4, 2013
<u>/s/ Mark M. Gambill</u> Mark M. Gambill	Director	January 4, 2013
<u>/s/ Benjamin S. Goldstein</u> Benjamin S. Goldstein	Director	January 4, 2013
<u>/s/ Simon B. Rich, Jr.</u> Simon B. Rich, Jr.	Director	January 4, 2013
<u>/s/ Sherwood H. Smith, Jr.</u> Sherwood H. Smith, Jr.	Director	January 4, 2013

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## [LETTERHEAD OF VENABLE LLP]

January 4, 2013

Triangle Capital Corporation  
Suite 530  
3700 Glenwood Avenue  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to Triangle Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law arising out of the registration of 1,500,000 additional shares (the "Shares") of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, of the Company (the "Common Stock") to be issued from time to time pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Shares are covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement, and all amendments thereto (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act").

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

1. The Registration Statement;
2. The charter of the Company (the "Charter"), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
3. The Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
4. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;
5. Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company relating to, among other matters, the adoption of the Plan and the registration and issuance of the Shares (the "Resolutions"), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

6. The Plan;

7. A certificate executed by an officer of the Company, dated as of the date hereof; and

8. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or any other person, is legally competent to do so.

2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.

3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.

4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all such Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.

5. The Shares will not be issued or transferred in violation of any restriction or limitation contained in the Plan.

6. Upon the issuance of any of the Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter.

7. Each option, restricted stock unit, right or other security exercisable or exchangeable for a Share pursuant to the Plan (each, an "Option") will be duly authorized and validly granted in accordance with the Plan and exercised or exchanged in accordance with the terms of the Plan, including any stock option agreement, restricted stock agreement or other form of award agreement entered into in connection therewith, at the time of any exercise or exchange of such Option.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.

2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when and to the extent issued in accordance with the Registration Statement, the Resolutions, the Plan and any stock option agreement, restricted stock agreement or other form of award agreement utilized under the Plan, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other law. We express no opinion as to compliance with federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or the 1940 Act. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter. The opinion expressed herein is subject to the effect of judicial decisions which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the 1933 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Triangle Capital Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan of our reports dated March 7, 2012, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and financial highlights of Triangle Capital Corporation and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Triangle Capital Corporation included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
January 4, 2013