# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 19, 2012

# **Triangle Capital Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-33130 (Commission File Number) 06-1798488 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3700 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 530, Raleigh, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices) 27612 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (919) 719-4770

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 19, 2012, Triangle Capital Corporation (the "Company") and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (the "Trustee"), entered into a Second Supplemental Indenture (the "Second Supplemental Indenture") to an Indenture dated March 2, 2012 (the "Indenture") relating to the Company's issuance, offer and sale of \$70,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.375% senior notes due 2022 (the "Notes").

The Notes will mature on December 15, 2022 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at the Company's option at any time or from time to time on or after December 15, 2015 at a redemption price of \$25 per security plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Notes bear interest at a rate of 6.375% per year payable guarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing on December 15, 2012.

The Notes will be the Company's direct unsecured obligations and will rank: (i) *pari passu* with the previously issued \$69,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior notes due 2019 and our future senior unsecured indebtedness; (ii) senior to any of our future indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the Notes; (iii) effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness, including indebtedness that is initially unsecured to which we subsequently grant security), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, including without limitation, borrowings under our \$165 million revolving credit facility; and (iv) structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of our subsidiaries, including without limitation, the indebtedness of the Company's two SBIC subsidiaries.

The Indenture, as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture, contains certain covenants including covenants requiring the Company to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 18(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act, and to provide financial information to the holders of the Notes and the Trustee if the Company should no longer be subject to the reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the Indenture. The Indenture provides for customary events of default and further provides that the Trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding series of Notes may declare such Notes immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of any event of default after expiration of any applicable grace period.

The Notes were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated October 16, 2012 among the Company and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated and Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named in the underwriting agreement. The Company has granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional \$10,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Notes to cover over-allotments, if any. The Notes were offered and sold pursuant to the Company's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-175160) and the preliminary prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 15, 2012, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement dated October 16, 2012.

The Company expects to use the net proceeds from the offering of the Notes to invest in lower middle market companies in accordance with its investment objective and strategies and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The foregoing descriptions of the Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture and the Notes do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture and the Notes, respectively, each filed as exhibits hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth under Item 1.01 above with respect to the Notes is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03, insofar as it relates to the creation of a direct financial obligation.

ltem 9.01.	Financial Statements and Exhibits.
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5.1	Opinion of Venable LLP
5.2	Opinion of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC
23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (contained in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
23.2	Consent of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC (contained in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.2 hereto)

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Triangle Capital Corporation

Date: October 19, 2012

By: /s/ Steven C. Lilly

Steven C. Lilly Chief Financial Officer

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#### SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

#### between

#### TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION

and

#### THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,

#### as Trustee

#### Dated as of October 19, 2012

#### SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Second Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of October 19, 2012, is between Triangle Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"). All capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Base Indenture (as defined below).

#### RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company and the Trustee executed and delivered an Indenture, dated as of March 2, 2012 (the "Base Indenture" and, as supplemented by this Second Supplemental Indenture, the "Indenture"), to provide for the issuance by the Company from time to time of the Company's unsecured debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (the "Securities"), to be issued in one or more series as provided in the Indenture.

The Company desires to issue and sell up to \$80,500,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "Notes").

The Company previously entered into the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 2, 2012 (the "First Supplemental Indenture"), which supplemented the Base Indenture. The First Supplemental Indenture is not applicable to the Notes.

Sections 9.01(iv) and 9.01(vi) of the Base Indenture provide that without the consent of Holders of the Securities of any series issued under the Indenture, the Company, when authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Base Indenture to (i) change or eliminate any of the provisions of the Indenture when there is no Security Outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of the supplemental indenture that is entitled to the benefit of such provision and (ii) establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Section 2.01 and Section 3.01 of the Base Indenture.

The Company desires to establish the form and terms of the Notes and to modify, alter, supplement and change certain provisions of the Base Indenture for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes (except as may be provided in a future supplemental indenture to the Indenture applicable to the Notes ("Future Supplemental Indenture")).

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Second Supplemental Indenture to provide for the issuance of the Notes and all acts and things necessary to make this Second Supplemental Indenture a valid, binding, and legal obligation of the Company and to constitute a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done and performed.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Notes by the Holders thereof, it is mutually agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Notes, as follows:

#### ARTICLE I TERMS OF THE NOTES

Section 1.01. <u>Terms of the Notes</u>. The following terms relating to the Notes are hereby established:

(a) The Notes shall constitute a series of Senior Securities having the title "6.375% Senior Notes due 2022." The Notes shall bear a CUSIP number of 895848 307 and an ISIN number of US8958483070.

(b) The aggregate principal amount of the Notes that may be initially authenticated and delivered under the Indenture (except for Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of, transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Notes pursuant to Sections 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 9.06, 11.07 or 13.05 of the Base Indenture, and except for any Securities which, pursuant to Section 3.03 of the Base Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered under the Indenture) shall be up to \$80,500,000. Under a Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Notes, issue additional Notes (in any such case "Additional Notes") having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes. Any Additional Notes and the existing Notes will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Notes herein shall include the Additional Notes unless the context otherwise requires.

(c) The entire outstanding principal of the Notes shall be payable on December 15, 2022.

(d) The rate at which the Notes shall bear interest shall be 6.375% per annum (the "Applicable Interest Rate"). The date from which interest shall accrue on the Notes shall be October 19, 2012, or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or provided for; the Interest Payment Dates for the Notes shall be March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing December 15, 2012 (if an Interest Payment Date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, then the applicable interest payment will be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment); the initial interest period will be the period from and including October 19, 2012, to, but excluding, the initial Interest Payment Date, and the subsequent interest periods will be the periods from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but excluding, the next Interest Payment Date or the Stated Maturity, as the case may be; the interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date, will be paid to the Person in whose name the Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Payment Date. Payment of principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on the Notes will be made at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee in New York, New York in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; *provided, further, however*, that so long as the Notes are registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be ma

(e) The Notes shall be initially issuable in global form (each such Note, a "Global Note"). The Global Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication thereon shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A to this Second Supplemental Indenture. Each Global Note shall represent the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Security Registrar, in accordance with Sections 2.03 and 3.05 of the Base Indenture.

(f) The depositary for such Global Notes (the "Depositary") shall be The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. The Security Registrar with respect to the Global Notes shall be the Trustee.

(g) The Notes shall be defeasible pursuant to Section 14.02 or Section 14.03 of the Base Indenture. Covenant defeasance contained in Section 14.03 of the Base Indenture shall apply to the covenants contained in Sections 10.06, 10.08 and 10.09 of the Indenture.

(h) The Notes shall be redeemable pursuant to Section 11.01 of the Base Indenture and as follows:

(i) The Notes will be redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, at the option of the Company, on or after December 15, 2015, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption.

(ii) Notice of redemption shall be given in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or by overnight courier guaranteeing next-day delivery, to each Holder of the Notes to be redeemed, not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the Redemption Date, at the Holder's address appearing in the Security Register. All notices of redemption shall contain the information set forth in Section 11.04 of the Base Indenture.

applicable.

(iii) Any exercise of the Company's option to redeem the Notes will be done in compliance with the Investment Company Act, to the extent

(iv) If the Company elects to redeem only a portion of the Notes, the Trustee will determine the method for selecting the particular Notes to be redeemed, in accordance with the Investment Company Act, to the extent applicable.

(v) Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price, on and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes called for redemption hereunder.

(i) The Notes shall not be subject to any sinking fund pursuant to Section 12.01 of the Base Indenture.

(j) The Notes shall be issuable in denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.

(k) Holders of the Notes will not have the option to have the Notes repaid prior to the Stated Maturity.

(I) The Notes are hereby designated as "Senior Securities" under the Indenture.

#### ARTICI F II

#### DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Section 2.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article I of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following defined terms to Section 1.01 in appropriate alphabetical sequence, as follows:

"Exchange Act' means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any statute successor thereto."

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"GAAP' means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the opinions and pronouncements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, which are in effect from time to time."

"Investment Company Act' means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules, regulations and interpretations promulgated thereunder, to the extent applicable, and any statute successor thereto."

### ARTICLE III REMEDIES

Section 3.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 5.01 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing clause (ii) thereof with the following:

"(ii) default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any on) any Note when it becomes due and payable at its Maturity; or"; and

# ARTICLE IV COVENANTS

Section 4.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article X of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following new Sections 10.08 and 10.09 thereto, each as set forth below:

"Section 10.08 Section 18(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act .

The Company hereby agrees that for the period of time during which Notes are Outstanding, the Company will not violate, whether or not it is subject to, Section 18(a)(1) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act or any successor provisions thereto of the Investment Company Act, but giving effect, in either case, to any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the Securities and Exchange Commission."

"Section 10.09 Commission Reports and Reports to Holders.

If, at any time, the Company is not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act to file any periodic reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company agrees to furnish to the Holders of Notes and the Trustee for the period of time during which the Notes are Outstanding: (i) within 90 days after the end of the each fiscal year of the Company, audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Company and (ii) within 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the Company (other than the Company's fourth fiscal quarter), unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company. All such financial statements shall be prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP."

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#### ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS

Section 5.01. This Second Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws that would cause the application of laws of another jurisdiction. This Second Supplemental Indenture is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of the Indenture and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

Section 5.02. In case any provision in this Second Supplemental Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 5.03. This Second Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, but such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Second Supplemental Indenture. The exchange of copies of this Second Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Second Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile, ..pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

Section 5.04. The Base Indenture, as supplemented and amended by this Second Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and the Base Indenture and this Second Supplemental Indenture shall be read, taken and construed as one and the same instrument with respect to the Notes. All provisions included in this Second Supplemental Indenture supersede any conflicting provisions included in the Base Indenture with respect to the Notes, unless not permitted by law. The Trustee accepts the trusts created by the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Second Supplemental Indenture, and agrees to perform the same upon the terms and conditions of the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Second Supplemental Indenture.

Section 5.05. The provisions of this Second Supplemental Indenture shall become effective as of the date hereof.

Section 5.06. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, the terms and provisions of this Second Supplemental Indenture shall apply only to the Notes and shall not apply to any other series of Securities under the Indenture and this Second Supplemental Indenture shall not and does not otherwise affect, modify, alter, supplement or change the terms and provisions of any other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding.

Section 5.07. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Second Supplemental Indenture, the Notes or any Additional Notes, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Second Supplemental Indenture, authenticate the Notes and any Additional Notes and perform its obligations hereunder. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of the Notes or any Additional Notes or the proceeds thereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Second Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

## TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Steven C. Lilly

Name: Steven C. Lilly Title: Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., as Trustee

By: /s/ Lawrence M. Kusch

Name: Lawrence M. Kusch Title: Vice President

[Signature page to Second Supplemental Indenture]

#### Exhibit A – Form of Global Note

This Security is a Global Note within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof. This Security may not be exchanged in whole or in part for a Security registered, and no transfer of this Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof, except in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment and such certificate issued in exchange for this certificate is registered in the name of Cede & Co., or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, any transfer, pledge or other use hereof for value or otherwise by or to any person is wrongful, as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

#### **Triangle Capital Corporation**

No.

\$ CUSIP No. 895848 307 ISIN No. US8958483070

#### 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022

Triangle Capital Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Maryland (herein called the "Company", which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co., or registered assigns, the principal sum of U.S. DOLLARS (U.S. ) on December 15, 2022, and to pay interest thereon from October 19, 2012 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 in each year, commencing December 15, 2012, at the rate of 6.375% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Securities of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture. This Security may be issued as part of a series.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on this Security will be made at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee in New York, New York in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; *provided, further, however*, that so long as the Notes are registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

Dated:

# TRIANGLE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By:

Name:

Title:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. as Trustee

By:

Authorized Signatory

#### **Triangle Capital Corporation** 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of Senior Securities of the Company (herein called the "Securities"), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of March 2, 2012 (herein called the "Base Indenture", which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (herein called the "Trustee", which term includes any successor trustee under the Base Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Base Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered, as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities, dated October 19, 2012, by and between the Company and the Trustee (herein called the "Second Supplemental Indenture," the Second Supplemental Indenture and the Base Indenture on the Base Indenture on the Base Indenture and the Base Indenture on the Base Indenture on the Base Indenture and the Base Indenture on the Base Indenture on the Base Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture shall govern and control.

This Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof, initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$80,500,000. Under a Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Securities, issue additional Securities of this series (in any such case "Additional Securities") having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Securities. Any Additional Securities and the existing Securities will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Securities herein shall include the Additional Securities unless the context otherwise requires. The aggregate amount of outstanding Securities represented hereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions.

The Securities of this series are subject to redemption in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, at the option of the Company, on or after December 15, 2015, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or by overnight courier guaranteeing next-day delivery, to each Holder of the Securities to be redeemed, not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the Redemption Date, at the Holder's address appearing in the Security Register. All notices of redemption shall contain the information set forth in Section 11.04 of the Base Indenture.

Any exercise of the Company's option to redeem the Securities will be done in compliance with the Investment Company Act, to the extent applicable.

If the Company elects to redeem only a portion of the Securities, the Trustee will determine the method for selecting the particular Securities to be redeemed, in accordance with the Indenture. In the event of redemption of this Security in part only, a new Security or Securities of this series and of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued in the name of the Holder hereof upon the cancellation hereof.

Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price, on and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes called for redemption.

Holders of Securities do not have the option to have the Securities repaid prior to December 15, 2015.

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire indebtedness of this Security or certain restrictive covenants and Events of Default with respect to this Security, in each case upon compliance with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of this series shall occur and be continuing, the principal of the Securities of this series may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holder of this Security shall not have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series, the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Securities of this series at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default as Trustee and offered the Trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request, and the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Securities of this series at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Security for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or any premium or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed herein.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security Register, upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in any place where the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$25 and any integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company or Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

The Indenture and this Security shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

October 19, 2012

Triangle Capital Corporation Suite 104 3600 Glenwood Avenue Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

#### Re: Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-175160)

#### 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 by the Company of up to \$80,500,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "Notes"), covered by the abovereferenced 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 Prospectus, dated July 2, 2012, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, dated October 16, 2012, filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated under the 1933 Act;

3. The charter of the Company, certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");

4. The Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

5. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;

6. Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company relating to, among other matters, the authorization of the issuance of the Notes and the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Note Documents (as defined herein), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

7. The Indenture, dated as of March 2, 2012 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association, as trustee (the "Trustee");

8. The Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of the date hereof (the "Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Base Indenture, the "Indenture"), between the Company and the Trustee;

9. The global note representing the Notes (the "Global Note" and, together with the Indenture, the "Note Documents");

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

11. 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.

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 execution and delivery by the Company of, and the performance by the Company of its obligations under, the Note Documents have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company. The Notes have been duly authorized for issuance by the Company.

3. The Note Documents have been duly executed and delivered by the Company.

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. We note that the Note Documents are governed by the laws of the State of New York. 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 Company's Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the issuance of the Notes (the "Current Report"). Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, counsel to the Company, may rely on this opinion in connection with any opinions to be delivered by it in connection with the Notes. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Current Report and the said incorporation by reference 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



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October 19, 2012

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## Re: Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-175160)

We have acted as counsel to Triangle Capital Corporation (the "Company") in connection with the issuance of up to \$80,500,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 6.375% senior unsecured notes due 2022 (which includes \$10,500,000 aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes that may be issued pursuant to an over-allotment option as provided by the Underwriting Agreement, defined below) (the "Securities"), pursuant to the Company's shelf Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File Number: 333-175160) (the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and the final prospectus supplement dated October 16, 2012, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act (collectively with the base prospectus, the "Prospectus").

The Securities are to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Base Indenture, dated as of March 2, 2012 (the "**Base Indenture**"), by and between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (the "**Trustee**"), as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 19, 2012, by and between the Company and the Trustee (the "**Second Supplemental Indenture**", and together with the Base Indenture, the "**Indenture**"), including the form of global note representing the Securities (the "**Global Note**").

In rendering our opinion herein, we have examined and relied on originals or copies, certificated or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of:

- 1. Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company, certified by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (the "Articles");
- Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, as approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on May 4, 2011 (the "Bylaws" and, together with the Articles, the "Organizational Documents");
- 3. Certificate of Good Standing, certified by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation as of a recent date;
- 4. the Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") dated October 16, 2012, by and among the Company and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated and Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule A to the Underwriting Agreement;
- 5. Certificate of Authorization for the Company, certified by the Secretary of State of North Carolina as of a recent date;
- 6. the Registration Statement;
- 7. the Prospectus;
- 8. the Indenture;

- 9. the Global Note; and
- 10. such corporate records of the Company, certificates of public officials, officers of the Company and other persons, and such other documents, agreements and instruments as we have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinion hereinafter expressed.

We have assumed for purposes of this opinion that (a) each of the Company and the Trustee is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; (b) each of the Company and the Trustee has the requisite power and authority to execute and deliver and to perform its obligations under each of the Indenture and the Securities; (c) each of the Company and the Trustee has duly authorized, executed and delivered each of the Indenture and the Securities (except that no such assumption is made with respect to execution and delivery thereof by the Company under the laws of the State of New York); (d) each of the Indenture and the Securities constitutes a legally valid and binding agreement of the Trustee, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms; and (e) the Trustee is in compliance, generally and with respect to acting as Trustee under the Indenture, with all applicable laws and regulations.

We have assumed the conformity of the documents filed with the Commission via the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System or Interactive Data Electronic Applications system, as the case may be ("*EDGAR*"), except for required EDGAR formatting changes, to physical copies of the documents prepared by the Company and submitted for our examination.

To the extent our opinion set forth below relates to the enforceability of the choice of New York law and choice of New York forum provisions of the Indenture and the Securities, our opinion is rendered in reliance upon N.Y. Gen. Oblig. Law §§5-1401, 5-1402 (McKinney 2001) and N.Y. C.P.L.R. 327(b) (McKinney 2001) and is subject to the qualification that such enforceability may be limited by public policy considerations of any jurisdiction, other than the courts of the State of New York, in which enforcement of such provisions, or of a judgment upon an agreement containing such provisions, is sought. We have also assumed that the Company has complied with all aspects of applicable laws of jurisdictions other than the State of New York in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Indenture. As to facts material to the opinion expressed herein, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company, public officials and others.

Our opinion set forth herein is limited to the laws of the State of New York that, in our experience, are applicable to the Securities and, to the extent that judicial or regulatory orders or decrees or consents, approvals, licenses, authorizations, validations, filings, recordings or registrations with governmental authorities are relevant, to those required under such laws (all of the foregoing being referred to as *"Covered Law"*). We do not express any opinion with respect to the law of any jurisdiction other than the Covered Law or as to the effect of any such non-covered law on the opinion herein stated or the securities or "blue sky" laws of any jurisdiction. The opinion expressed in this opinion letter is strictly limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter and no other opinions are to be implied.

As used herein, "known to us," "to our knowledge" and any similar phrase refers solely to the current, actual knowledge, acquired during the course of the representation described in the introductory paragraph of this letter, of those attorneys in this firm who have rendered legal services in connection with such representation (excluding any lawyers whose involvement has been limited to reviewing this opinion as part of our firm's opinion review procedure). We have not undertaken any independent investigation to determine the existence or absence of facts, and no inference as to our knowledge of the existence or absence of facts should be drawn from the fact of our representation of the Company. Without limiting the foregoing, we have not searched any electronic databases or the dockets of any court, administrative body or regulatory or government agency or any other filing office in any jurisdiction.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing and the limitations, qualifications, exceptions and assumptions set forth herein, and assuming that (i) the Indenture and the Securities have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Company and the Trustee, (ii) the final terms of the Securities have been duly established and approved by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and (iii) the Securities have been duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the purchasers thereof, we are of the opinion that the Securities will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with the terms thereof.

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The opinion set forth above is subject, as to enforcement, to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (iii) provisions of law that require that a judgment for money damages rendered by a court in the United States be expressed only in United States dollars.

In rendering the opinion set forth above, we have assumed that the execution and delivery by the Company of the Indenture and the Securities and the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder do not and will not violate, conflict with or constitute a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Company or its properties is subject. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement through a post-effective amendment. We also hereby consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof unless otherwise expressly stated, and we disclaim any undertaking to advise you of any subsequent changes in the facts stated or assumed herein or of any subsequent changes in applicable law.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Bass, Berry & Sims PLC