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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Stovsky Richard P</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 103 <hr/> (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92108 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ ECPG ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 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 (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

**Remarks:**

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Michael Chin, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard Stovsky 08/14/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Gregory L. Call, Michael Chin, Erin Funderburk and Kyle Smith, and each of them acting singly and with full power of substitution, his true and

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the "Company"), any and all reports and forms required to be filed by the undersigned
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such report or form and timely file the same with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission
- (3) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators
- (4) take any other action in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by or for, the undersigned, it being understood that the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever required, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request and on the behalf of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities. This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file reports or forms pursuant to Section 16 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in the securities of the Company. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Limited Power of Attorney as of July 16, 2018.

Signed and Acknowledged

By: /s/ Richard P. Stovsky  
Print Name: Richard P. Stovsky