SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.: 7)*

Name of issuer: Encore Capital Group Inc

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Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock
CUSIP Number: 292554102
Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement: January 31, 2019
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: (X) Rule 13d-1(b) () Rule 13d-1(c) () Rule 13d-1(d)
*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.
The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 193 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No.: 292554102

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

The Vanguard Group - 23-1945930

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE [LINE] IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

A. B. <u>X</u>

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OF PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania

(For questions 5-8, report the number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:)

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

25,766

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

4,500

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,057,744

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

27,486

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,085,230

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

N/A

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

10.00%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

ΙA

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SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Act of 1934

Check the following [line] if a fee is being paid with this statement N/A
<u>Item 1(a) - Name of Issuer:</u>
Encore Capital Group Inc
<u>Item 1(b) - Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:</u>
3111 Camino Del Rio North Suite 1300 San Diego, California 92108
<u>Item 2(a) - Name of Person Filing:</u>
The Vanguard Group - 23-1945930
<u>Item 2(b) – Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, residence:</u>

Malvern, PA 19355

100 Vanguard Blvd.

 $\underline{\text{Item 2}(c)-\text{Citizenship:}}$

Pennsylvania

<u>Item 2(d) - Title of Class of Securities:</u>

Common Stock

<u>Item 2(e) - CUSIP Number</u>

292554102

<u>Item 3 - Type of Filing:</u>

This statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1. An investment adviser in accordance with $\S 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)$.

<u>Item 4 - Ownership:</u>

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

3,085,230

(b) Percent of Class:

10.00%

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or direct to vote: 25,766
- (ii) shared power to vote or direct to vote: 4,500
- (iii) sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of: 3,057,744
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 27,486

Comments:

Item 5 - Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable

<u>Item 6 - Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:</u>

Not applicable

Item 7 - Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired The Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

See Attached Appendix A

Item 8 - Identification and Classification of Members of Group:

Not applicable

Item 9 - Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not applicable

Item 10 - Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: 02/11/2019

By /s/ Christine M. Buchanan Name: Christine M. Buchanan

Title: Principal

Appendix A

Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("VFTC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 22,986 shares or .07% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of collective trust accounts.

Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd. ("VIA"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc., is the beneficial owner of 7,280 shares or .02% of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of Australian investment offerings.