

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Stannard Kenneth J</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) 08/23/2018	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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Cabot Credit Management CEO</u>	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)
Common Stock	147,342 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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:

1. These shares include (1) 14,951 unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs") that vest in equal installments on July 24, 2019, July 24, 2020 and July 24, 2021, and (2) 11,213 unvested RSUs that vest in equal installments on July 24, 2020 and July 24, 2021. Each RSU was granted under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2017 Incentive Award Plan and represents the right to receive one share of Encore Capital Group, Inc. common stock.

Remarks:

/s/ Michael Chin, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth Stannard 08/30/2018

** 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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