

Stannard Kenneth J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Stannard Kenneth J
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO
 NORTH, SUITE 103

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 08/23/2018

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Cabot Credit Management CEO

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Common Stock

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

147,342 ⁽¹⁾

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

D

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

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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)

Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stannard Kenneth J 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 103 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108	^	^	^ Cabot Credit Management CEO	^

Signatures

/s/ Michael Chin, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth Stannard	08/30/2018
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (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.

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