

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MANDELL RICHARD A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH,
 SUITE 1300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/20/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	01/20/2012 ⁽¹⁾		A	1,088	A	\$ 0	1,088 ⁽²⁾	D

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
							Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MANDELL RICHARD A 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108	X			

Signatures

/s/ Carrie Darling, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard A. Mandell
 01/24/2012
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) On January 20, 2012, Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore") issued 1,088 deferred issuance restricted stock units ("RSUs") to Richard A. Mandell, under the Encore 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, in connection with his service on Encore's Board of Directors.
 These shares are in the form of RSUs. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore common stock upon settlement,
- (2) which shall occur within 10 days following the date the reporting person is no longer a member of the Board of Directors. The RSUs are fully vested.

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