

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BLACK J BRANDON**

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)  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/13/2013

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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		
Common Stock	02/13/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>		10,612 A \$ 0	12,489	D
Common Stock	02/13/2013		F		4,052 D \$ 31.3	8,437 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	02/15/2013		G	V	6,560 D \$ 0	1,877 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock						6,560	I By the Black Family Trust

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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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLACK J BRANDON 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 1300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa A. Ressler, Attorney-in-Fact for J. Brandon Black 02/15/2013

\_\_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).
- Represents the final portion of the performance shares granted to the reporting person on August 23, 2007 under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. The performance shares were subject to vesting and the final 10,612 shares vested upon the achievement by Encore Capital Group, Inc. of certain financial goals on February 13, 2013.
- (2) Amount reported does not include 46,999 unvested restricted stock units.

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