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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Gupta Ashwini

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC

[ECPG]

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2018

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH. **SUITE 103**

(State)

09/01/2018

(City)

Common

Stock

(Last)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price

Code V Amount (D)

645 (1) A

24,284 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Funite / Futuress	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Gupta Ashwini 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 103 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108	X					

Signatures

/s/ Michael Chin, Attorney-in-Fact for Ashwini Gupta

10/12/2018 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Grant to the reporting person, for service on the Board of Directors of Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore"), of deferred stock units under the terms of a non-employee director deferred compensation plan established under the 2017 Incentive Award Plan. Deferred stock

(1) units will be converted into shares of Encore common stock on a one-for-one basis upon distribution. The distribution of shares of common stock will occur within 10 business days following the fifth anniversary of the date the reporting person is no longer a member of the Board of Directors.

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