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no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction	ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES						2005 1.0		
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported Form 4 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Transactions Reported									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> 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) (F 3111 CAMINO E NORTH, SUITI		(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012	_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below) Pres		Owner er (specify			
(S	Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joi	int/Group Repo	-			
SAN DIEGO, C	CAÂ 9210	8							

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-Der	ivative Securities Acc	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if Transaction ny Code		d 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or Amount (D) Pri	Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	06/11/2012	Â	G	$\frac{1,500}{(1)}$ D \$0	1,877 <u>(3)</u>	D	Â	
Common Stock	09/25/2012	Â	G	$\frac{40,694}{(2)}$ A \$0	1,877 <u>(3)</u>	D	Â	

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)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se O Eı Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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	ÂX	Â	President & CEO	Â				
Signatures								
/s/ Melissa A. Resslar, Attorney-In-F Black	Brandon	02/14/2013						
** Signature of Reporting Per	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 June 11, 2012, the reporting person gifted 1,500 shares to the College of William and Mary.

The 40,694 shares were previously reported as indirectly owned by the Black Family Trust, but were distributed to the reporting person(2) on September 25, 2012. Due to dispositions made during the 2012 fiscal year, the reporting person owned 1,877 shares of common stock as of the end of the fiscal year.

(3) Amount reported does not include 57,611 unvested restricted stock units.

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