## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G\* (Rule 13d-102)

## INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2

(Amendment No. \_4\_\_)\*

Encore Capital Group, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common
(Title of Class of Securities)
292554102
(CUSIP Number)
July 31, 2015
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of the Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- ⊠ Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

<sup>\*</sup>The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS BLAIR WILLIAM & CO/IL					
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (see instructions)					
3.	SEC USE ONLY					
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 222 W. ADAMS STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60606 USA					
		5.	SOLE VOTING POWER 1,189,621			
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER 0			
	EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,383,401			
		8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0			
9.	9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,383,401					
10.	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)					
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.32%					
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) BD, IA					

A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);

A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment

(h)

(i)

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Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

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Item 4.	Owne	ership:								
	Provi	Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item								
	(a)	Amoun	t beneficially ov	vned: 1,383,401						
	(b)	Percent	t of class: 5.32%							
	(c)	(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:								
		(i)	Sole power to	vote or to direct the vote: 1,189,621						
		(ii)	Shared power	to vote or to direct the vote: 0						
		(iii)	Sole power to	dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,383,401						
		(iv)	Shared power	to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0						
Item 5.	Owne	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:								
		If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of mor than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following $\Box$								
Item 6.	Owne	ership of N	Aore Than Five	Percent on Behalf of Another Person:						
	N/A	N/A								
Item 7.	Ident Comj		and Classificat	ion of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Sec	curity Being Reported on By the Parent Holdin					
	N/A									
Item 8.	Ident	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:								
	N/A									

Item 9.

Item 10.

**Notice of Dissolution of Group:** 

N/A

N/A

**Certifications:** 

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## **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: August 6, 2015

By: /s/ Michelle R. Seitz

Name: Michelle R. Seitz

Title: Principal, Head of Investment Management

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, *Provided*, *however*, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).