

## Encore Capital Professional Selected to Join Prestigious ‘San Diego Regional Chamber Young Leaders’ (SDYL)

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### Chamber Establishes Elite Group of Young Business and Advocacy Minds in Region

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 11, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Encore Capital Group](#), Inc. (NASDAQ:ECPG), an international specialty finance company, announced that Blake Hern, the company’s Director of Global Technology & Security, has been selected from over 100 applicants to serve on the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce’s inaugural Young Leaders Board of Directors program.

SDYL’s mission is to drive young professional growth in the San Diego-Baja region by providing the relationships, mentoring and community awareness necessary to become an influential business leader. The program represents an exciting new opportunity for emerging professionals to engage with their community in ways that will expand and complement their professional development, enhance their community involvement and reposition the region as a premier location for young leaders to live and work.

“I am honored to serve on the Chamber’s inaugural Young Leaders Board of San Diego. I am very eager to address some of the philanthropic and civic needs of the community from a younger person’s perspective,” said Hern.

Sheryl Wright, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs at Encore Capital added: “As a result of his strong contribution to Encore—and winning the San Diego Business Journal’s 2015 Cyber Champ Award—I’m confident Blake will be an impactful contributor to this enormously talented group of young leaders in our local business community.”

Hern joined Encore in October 2011 and has earned increasing levels of responsibility. He currently leads Encore’s information security strategy for operations, corporate infrastructure, and cloud infrastructure, in addition to managing a subset of the organization’s IT support teams. Prior to joining Encore, Blake worked in the Risk & Assurance practice of KPMG LLP. Blake earned a Master’s Degree of Accountancy from California State University – Fresno and a B.S. in Business Administration & Accounting from the University of Kansas, and also holds multiple information security certifications and is a Certified Public Accountant.

#### **About Encore Capital Group, Inc.**

Encore Capital Group is an international specialty finance company that provides debt recovery solutions for consumers and property owners across a broad range of assets. Through its subsidiaries around the globe, Encore purchases portfolios of consumer receivables from major banks, credit unions, municipalities, and utility providers. Its Propel Financial Services subsidiary also helps home and business owners resolve property tax debt and avoid foreclosure through affordable monthly payment plans.

Encore partners with individuals as they repay their debt obligations, helping them on the road to financial recovery and ultimately improving their economic well-being. Encore is the first and only company of its kind to operate with a [Consumer Bill of Rights](#) that provides industry-leading commitments to consumers. Headquartered in San Diego, Encore is a publicly traded NASDAQ Global Select company (ticker symbol: ECPG) and a component stock of the Russell 2000, the S&P Small Cap 600 and the Wilshire 4500. More information about the company can be found at <http://www.encorecapital.com>. Information found on the company’s website is not incorporated by reference.

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