

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>Gupta Ashwini</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 103 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92108 (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> 09/28/2015	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ ECPG ]</u>	
		<b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

**Explanation of Responses:**

**Remarks:**

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Michael Chin, Attorney-in-Fact for Ashwini Gupta 10/06/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Gregory L. Call, Stephen Dietz, Derek Higginbotham, Michael Chin and Kyle Smith,

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the "Company"), any ar

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such report or form and 1

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the bes

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, &

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file reports or forms pursuant to Section 16 with respect  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 10th day of September, 2015.

By: /s/ Ashwini Gupta  
Print Name: Ashwini Gupta