

Grinberg Paul
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Grinberg Paul

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8875 AERO DRIVE, #200

(Street)

SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92123

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2007

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
☐ 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)

Common Stock

5,737,032 ⁽¹⁾

I By Limited Partnership ⁽¹⁾

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

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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 of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date Expiration Title Amount or
Exercisable Date of Number of

Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Grinberg Paul 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123	X			

Signatures

/s/ Robin R. Pruitt, Attorney-in-Fact for Timothy
Hanford

05/21/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Reflects shares of Encore Capital Group, Inc.'s common stock held by JCF FPK I LP. By way of his position as investment co-head of FPK Capital and his interest in Fox-Pitt Kelton Limited, a limited partner of JCF FPK I LP, Mr. Hanford may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares through his pecuniary interest in JCF FPK I LP. Mr. Hanford disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares in excess of his pecuniary interest therein.

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