

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 19, 2011

**ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**000-26489**  
(Commission

File Number)

**48-1090909**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**8875 Aero Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92123**  
(Zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 445-4581**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 19, 2011 Mr. Timothy J. Hanford notified Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the Company ) that he will not be standing for re-election for the coming year. Mr. Hanford's service as a director will end effective the date of the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2011, at which time all other directors will stand for re-election. Mr. Hanford's decision is not due to any disagreement with the Company.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.**

By: /s/ Paul Grinberg  
Paul Grinberg  
Executive Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: April 20, 2011