

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
September 14, 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): September 13, 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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3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300, San Diego,

California  
(Address of principal executive offices)

92108  
(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 September 13, 2011, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the Company), upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, appointed retired Brigadier General Francis E. Quinlan to serve as a director of the Board. There were no arrangements or understandings pursuant to which Mr. Quinlan was appointed as a director, and there are no related party transactions between the Company and Mr. Quinlan reportable under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. The Board has affirmatively determined that Mr. Quinlan qualifies as an independent director under the Nasdaq listing standards. Currently the Board does not expect Mr. Quinlan to serve on any committees of the Board.

Mr. Quinlan has practiced law for nearly thirty years, most recently at Newmeyer & Dillion LLP since May 2011. He previously served as an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has served in command positions at the Squadron, Air Group, Air Wing, Marine Expeditionary Force and Joint Force levels of the United States Marine Corps.

For his service as a non-executive director of the Board, Mr. Quinlan will receive the same retainer fees as other non-executive directors, pro-rated to reflect his term of service. A description of non-executive director retainer fees is set forth in the section entitled Compensation Arrangements with Directors in the Company's proxy statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2011, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Quinlan to the Board is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
Exhibit 99.1	Press release of Encore Capital Group, Inc. dated September 14, 2011

**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: September 14, 2011

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