ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC Form 8-K December 22, 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): December 22, 2011

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

000-26489 (Commission 48-1090909 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300, San Diego,

California 92108 (Address of principal executive offices) (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 und	er any of
the following provisions:	

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 22, 2011, Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the Company) announced the resolution of litigation initiated earlier this year by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas against the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. The resolution was in line with what the Company announced in connection with its 2011 third quarter financial results.

A copy of the Company s press release, announcing the resolution of litigation, 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 December 22, 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: December 22, 2011

EXHIBIT INDEX

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