CONSECO INC Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2008

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 3)\*

## Conseco, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

### COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

### 208464883

(CUSIP Number)

### **December 31, 2007**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- x Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- o Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

<sup>\*</sup>The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

### CUSIP No. 208464883

1. Names of Reporting Persons Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC 13-5620131 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (b) 3. SEC Use Only 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware 5. Sole Voting Power 14,235,268 Number of Shares Shared Voting Power 6. Beneficially Owned by Each Sole Dispositive Power 7. Reporting 14,746,768 Person With 8. Shared Dispositive Power 9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 14,746,768 10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 11. 7.91% 12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) ΙA

Item 1.			
	(a)	Name of Issuer	
		Conseco, Inc.	
	(b)	Address of Issuer s Principal	Executive Offices
		11825 N. Pennsylvania St.	
		Carmel, IN 46032	
Item 2.			
	(a)	Name of Person Filing	
		Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC	
	(b)	Address of Principal Business	Office or, if none, Residence
		90 Hudson Street	
		Jersey City, NJ 07302	
	(c)	Citizenship	
	(0)	Delaware	
	(d)	Title of Class of Securities	
		Common Stock	
	(e)	CUSIP Number	
		208464883	
Item 3.	If this statement is fi	led pursuant to §§240.13d-1(l	b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
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### Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

See No. 9

(b) Percent of class:

See No. 11

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

See No. 5

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

See No. 6

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See No. 7

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See No. 8

### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following o.

N/A

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent

**Holding Company or Control Person** 

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

N/A

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### Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

### Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2008 Date

/s/ Lawrence H. Kaplan Signature

> General Counsel Name/Title

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