Levine Jay S. Form 4 December 08, 2011

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

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may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Levine Jay S. Symbol

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Middle)

Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

12/06/2011

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

X_ Officer (give title below) below)

SVP, Chief Accounting Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

(Street)

SUFFERN, NY 10901

(City) (State) (Zip)

(First)

C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP.

INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE

3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year) TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

2,500 (1)D

Common

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Share
Option To Buy	\$ 32.62 (2)						06/02/2012(3)	06/02/2021	Common	20,00
Option to Buy	\$ 26.27 (2)						09/21/2012(3)	09/21/2021	Common	20,00
Restricted Share Units	<u>(4)</u>						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common	5,000
Restricted Share Units	<u>(4)</u>	12/06/2011		A	3,900		<u>(6)</u>	(6)	Common	3,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Levine Jay S.

C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC.

30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901 SVP, Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Power of Attorney 12/08/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. These shares will vest 50% on the one year anniversary date (i.e. June 2, 2012), and another 50% on the two year anniversary date of the grant (i.e. June 2, 2013).
- (2) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Exercisable in four equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.

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The number of RSU's to be received will be based upon the percentage achievement by Ascena of certain financial performance targets for Ascena's fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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