USDAN JOHN Form 4

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **USDAN JOHN** Issuer Symbol Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, 09/20/2012 below)

INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

SUFFERN, NY 10901

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 4,000 D

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	3)	Securition Acquires (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	d d of	(Month/Day/Year	Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Share	
Option to Buy	\$ 3.54 (1)							11/19/2004(5)	11/19/2013	Common	13,60	
Option to Buy	\$ 11.65 (2)							11/29/2007(5)	11/29/2016	Common	20,00	
Option to Buy	\$ 7.495 (2)							09/18/2009(5)	09/18/2018	Common	20,00	
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 (2)							09/24/2010(5)	09/24/2019	Common	10,00	
Open To Buy	\$ 11.695 (2)							09/23/2010(5)	09/23/2020	Common	20,00	
Option to Buy	\$ 12.315 (3) (4)							09/22/2012(5)	09/22/2021	Common	20,00	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	09/20/2012		A		5,000		<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common	5,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
USDAN JOHN C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901	X						

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney

**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) Granted under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan.

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- (3) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentove Plan
- (4) The stock option grant of 10,000 on 9/22/11 was inadvertently reported twice on the Form 4 filed on 9/23/11.
- (5) Exercisable in three equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated
- (6) Restricted stock units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (7) These units vest in three equal installments on September 20, 2013, September 20, 2014 and September 20, 2015

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