

Sullivan John J.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Sullivan John J.

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP,  
 INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE  
 (Street)

SUFFERN, NY 10901

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/20/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP - Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common				(A) or (D) Price	0	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)**

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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. Transaction Code	5. Number of 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Option to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 14.185					12/06/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/06/2021 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common	50
Restricted Share Units	<sup>(3)</sup>					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common	20
Restricted Share Units	<sup>(6)</sup>					<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common	10
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(6)</sup>					<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>	Common	10
Option To Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 20.79	09/20/2012		A	30,000	09/20/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/20/2022 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common	30
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(8) (9)</sup>	09/20/2012		A	12,000	<sup>(10)</sup>	<sup>(10)</sup>	Common	12
Restricted Share Units	<sup>(6)</sup>	09/20/2012		A	30,000	<sup>(11)</sup>	<sup>(11)</sup>	Common	30

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sullivan John J. C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901			EVP - Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Power of Attorney  
09/21/2012  
\*\*\*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 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Exercisable in four equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (4) 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.
- (5) These shares will vest 50%, with the first vesting on December 6, 2012.
- (6) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (7) These units vested in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.
- (8) These shares of performance based stock were awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2015 LTIP").
- (9) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (10) The number of RSU's to be received will be based upon the percentage of achievement by Ascena of certain financial performance targets for Ascena's fiscal year 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (11) These shares will vest 10% over three years, these shares will vest 15% in the fourth year, these shares will vest 20% the fifth year, and 35% the sixth year. The first vesting will be September 20, 2013.

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