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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| JAFFE DAV | Symbol | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] | | | | Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | (First) (I NA RETAIL GRO JNNIGAN DRIV | (Month/ OUP, 10/10/2 | of Earliest Tr Day/Year) 2012 | ansaction | | | _X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below) | 10% | Owner or (specify |
| SUFFERN, | (Street) NY 10901 | | endment, Da onth/Day/Year | | | | 6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by N Person | | rson |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | le I - Non-D | erivative Se | curitie | s Acqu | aired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | 4. Securitie or(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount 156,890 | osed of and 5) (A) or | | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common | 10/10/2012 | | A | (1) | A | \$0 | 10,130,618 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|------------------|---|--------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou Numb Share |
| Options to Buy | \$ 3.38 (2) | | | | | 12/09/2003(5) | 12/09/2012 | Common | 600, |
| Option To Buy | \$ 5.92 (3) | | | | | 10/12/2006(5) | 10/12/2015 | Common | 600, |
| Option to Buy | \$ 7.495 (3) | | | | | 09/18/2009(5) | 09/18/2018 | Common | 500, |
| Option To Buy | \$ 8.835 (3) | | | | | 09/24/2010(6) | 09/24/2019 | Common | 160, |
| Option To Buy | \$ 15 <u>(3)</u> | | | | | 12/09/2010(6) | 12/09/2019 | Common | 300, |
| Option To Buy | \$ 11.695 (3) | | | | | 09/23/2011(6) | 09/23/2020 | Common | 160, |
| Option To Buy | \$ 15 <u>(3)</u> | | | | | 09/23/2011(6) | 09/23/2020 | Common | 150, |
| Option To Buy | \$ 15.545 (4) | | | | | 03/09/2012(7) | 03/09/2021 | Common | 88,0 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 13.135 (4) | | | | | 09/21/2012(6) | 09/21/2021 | Common | 160, |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(8)</u> | | | | | (9) | <u>(9)</u> | Common | 160, |
| Performance Share Units | (10) | | | | | (11) | (11) | Common | 46, |
| Restricted Share Units | (12) | | | | | (13) | (13) | Common | 35,0 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 20.79 (4) | | | | | 09/20/2013(6) | 09/20/2022(6) | Common | 80,0 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 20.79 (4) | | | | | 09/20/2013(6) | 09/20/2022(6) | Common | 170, |
| Restricted Stock Units | (14) (15) | | | | | (16) | (16) | Common | 250, |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

X

JAFFE DAVID R C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901

President & CEO

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney

10/11/2012

**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) These shares of performance based shares were awarded under the Company's 2012 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2012 LTIP")
- (2) Granted under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan
- (3) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
- (4) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (6) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (7) Vests 100% one year from date of grant.
- (8) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock under the 2014 LTIP.
- (9) 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.
- (10) These shares of performance based shares were awarded under the Company's 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2011 LTIP").
- (11) These shares vest 1/3 on each of the following dates: July 30, 2012, July 30, 2013, and July 30, 2014.
- (12) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (13) These units vested in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.
- (14) These shares of performance based stock were awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2015 LTIP").
- (15) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- 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.

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