

JAFFE ELISE  
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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 \*  
JAFFE ELISE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ASENSA 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)  
10/23/2012

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)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	9,771,983 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 (Instr. 8)	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	\$ 3.38 <sup>(4)</sup>					12/09/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/09/2012	Common	160
Options to Buy	\$ 5.92 <sup>(5)</sup>					10/12/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/12/2015	Common	160
Option To Buy	\$ 7.495 <sup>(5)</sup>					09/18/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/18/2018	Common	80
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 <sup>(5)</sup>					09/24/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/24/2019	Common	30
Option To Buy	\$ 11.695 <sup>(5)</sup>					09/23/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/23/2020	Common	30
Option To Buy	\$ 13.135 <sup>(6)</sup>					09/21/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/21/2021	Common	30
Restricted Stock Shares	<sup>(7)</sup>					<sup>(8)</sup>	<sup>(8)</sup>	Common	7,
Restricted Share Units	<sup>(9)</sup>					<sup>(10)</sup>	<sup>(10)</sup>	Common	5
Option To Buy	\$ 20.79 <sup>(6)</sup>					09/20/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/20/2022 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common	15
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(11)</sup>	10/23/2012		J	3,750 <sup>(12)</sup>	<sup>(11)</sup>	<sup>(11)</sup>	Common	3,
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(11)</sup>	10/23/2012		J	7,500 <sup>(13)</sup>	<sup>(11)</sup>	<sup>(11)</sup>	Common	7,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAFFE ELISE C/O ASENA RETAIL GROUP, INC.			Senior Vice President	

30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE  
SUFFERN, NY 10901

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of  
attorney

10/25/2012

\_\_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) Includes 20,319 shares of performance based shares awarded under the Company's 2012 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2012 LTIP")
- (2) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (3) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (4) Granted under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan.
- (5) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
- (6) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (7) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock. under 2014 LTIP.
- (8) These shares vested 1/3 on each of the following dates: July 30, 2012, July 30, 2013 and July 30, 2014.
- (9) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (10) These units vest in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.
- (11) Not applicable.
- (12) Represents the rescission on 10/23/2012 of the shares awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan granted on 9/20/2012.
- (13) Represents the rescission on 10/23/2012 of the shares awarded under the Company's 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan granted on 9/21/2011.

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