Ascena Retail Group, Inc.

Form 4

October 25, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **WEXLER GENE**

(First)

(Street)

C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP.

INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner Director

10/23/2012

below)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

SVP, General Counsel 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SUFFERN, NY 10901

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Common

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

 $12,626 \frac{(1)}{2}$ 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)	Code	5. NumborDerivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amor Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha
Option to Buy	\$ 11.65 (2)						11/29/2007(4)	11/29/2016	Common	8
Option to Buy	\$ 7.495 (2)						09/18/2009(4)	09/18/2018	Common	10
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 (2)						09/24/2010(5)	09/24/2019	Common	40
Option To Buy	\$ 11.695 (2)						09/23/2011	09/23/2020	Common	40
Option To Buy	\$ 13.135 (3)						09/21/2012(5)	09/21/2021	Common	30
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common	7
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(8)</u>						<u>(9)</u>	(9)	Common	12
Option To Buy	\$ 20.79 (3)						09/20/2013(5)	09/20/2022	Common	11
Restricted Stock Units	(14)	10/23/2012		J		4,375 (13)	<u>(14)</u>	(14)	C ommon	4
Restricted Stock Units	(10) (11)	10/23/2012		A	4,375 (15)		(12)	(12)	Common	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WEXLER GENE						
C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC.			SVD Congred Councel			
30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE	SVP, General Counsel					
SUFFERN, NY 10901						

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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 8,180 restricted shares awarded under the Company's Fiscal 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan the "2011 LTIP". These shares vest 1/3 on each of the following dates: 7/30/12, 7/30/13, and 7/30/14.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (4) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (5) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock under the 2014 LTIP.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Restricted stock units issued under the Company 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (9) These units vest in 2 equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.
- (10) These shares of performance based stock were awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2015 LTIP").
- (11) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (12) 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 years 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (13) 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.
- (14) Not applicable.
- (15) Granted subject to stockholder approval of the amendment of the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on 12/11/2012.

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