

JAFFE DAVID R  
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**FORM 4**

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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 DAVID R

(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)  
10/10/2012

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)  
President & CEO

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common	10/10/2012		A		156,890 (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. 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
									Number of Shares
Options to Buy	\$ 3.38 <sup>(2)</sup>					12/09/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/09/2012	Common	600,
Option To Buy	\$ 5.92 <sup>(3)</sup>					10/12/2006 <sup>(5)</sup>	10/12/2015	Common	600,
Option to Buy	\$ 7.495 <sup>(3)</sup>					09/18/2009 <sup>(5)</sup>	09/18/2018	Common	500,
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 <sup>(3)</sup>					09/24/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	09/24/2019	Common	160,
Option To Buy	\$ 15 <sup>(3)</sup>					12/09/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/09/2019	Common	300,
Option To Buy	\$ 11.695 <sup>(3)</sup>					09/23/2011 <sup>(6)</sup>	09/23/2020	Common	160,
Option To Buy	\$ 15 <sup>(3)</sup>					09/23/2011 <sup>(6)</sup>	09/23/2020	Common	150,
Option To Buy	\$ 15.545 <sup>(4)</sup>					03/09/2012 <sup>(7)</sup>	03/09/2021	Common	88,
Option To Buy	\$ 13.135 <sup>(4)</sup>					09/21/2012 <sup>(6)</sup>	09/21/2021	Common	160,
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(8)</sup>					<sup>(9)</sup>	<sup>(9)</sup>	Common	160,
Performance Share Units	<sup>(10)</sup>					<sup>(11)</sup>	<sup>(11)</sup>	Common	46,
Restricted Share Units	<sup>(12)</sup>					<sup>(13)</sup>	<sup>(13)</sup>	Common	35,
Option To Buy	\$ 20.79 <sup>(4)</sup>					09/20/2013 <sup>(6)</sup>	09/20/2022 <sup>(6)</sup>	Common	80,
Option To Buy	\$ 20.79 <sup>(4)</sup>					09/20/2013 <sup>(6)</sup>	09/20/2022 <sup>(6)</sup>	Common	170,
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(14)</sup> <sup>(15)</sup>					<sup>(16)</sup>	<sup>(16)</sup>	Common	250,

