

LESTER HOWARD  
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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 \*  
**LESTER HOWARD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3250 VAN NESS AVENUE

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]**

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

12/09/2009

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)

**CHAIRMAN & CEO**

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/09/2009		J		10	A	\$ 21.05	1,839 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by Managed Account
Common Stock	12/09/2009		M		70,500	A	\$ 9.4688	2,085,862	I	by Trust
Common Stock	12/09/2009		S		70,500	D	\$ 20.8729	2,015,362	I	by Trust

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)

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.4688	12/09/2009		M		70,500		(3)	03/07/2010(4)	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LESTER HOWARD 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	X		CHAIRMAN & CEO	

## Signatures

By: Laurel Pies, Attorney-in-Fact For: Howard Lester  
Date: 12/11/2009

\_\_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) The reporting person owns \$38,728.01 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated December 9, 2009. The number of shares indirectly owned was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$21.05, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on December 9, 2009.

(2) Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$20.80 to \$20.96. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) The options vested in equal installments on March 7, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

(4) The stock options exercised were scheduled to expire on March 7, 2010.

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