

Ascena Retail Group, Inc.
Form 4
December 12, 2011

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WEXLER GENE

(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)
12/09/2011

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) below)

SVP, General Counsel

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	12/09/2011		S	2,513 D	\$ 28.81	14,090 ⁽¹⁾	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 23.3 ⁽²⁾							11/29/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	11/29/2016	Common	4,000
Option to Buy	\$ 14.99 ⁽²⁾							09/18/2009 ⁽⁴⁾	09/18/2018	Common	50,000
Option To Buy	\$ 17.67 ⁽²⁾							09/24/2010 ⁽⁵⁾	09/24/2019	Common	20,000
Option To Buy	\$ 23.39 ⁽²⁾							09/23/2011	09/23/2020	Common	20,000
Option To Buy	\$ 26.27 ⁽³⁾							09/21/2012 ⁽⁵⁾	09/21/2021	Common	15,000
Restricted Stock Units	⁽⁶⁾							⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁷⁾	Common	3,750

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney
12/12/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Includes 4,090 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.

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