

JAFFE ELLIOT S  
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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 ELLIOT S

(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)

09/20/2012

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common					1,049,114	D	
Common					762,938 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	See Footnote (1)

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)	8. Amount of Shares
Option To Buy	\$ 5.92 <sup>(2)</sup>					10/12/2006 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/12/2015	Common	480
Option to Buy	\$ 7.03 <sup>(2)</sup>					11/28/2008 <sup>(5)</sup> 11/28/2017	Common	20
Option to Buy	\$ 7.495 <sup>(2)</sup>					09/18/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/18/2018	Comon	10
Option to Buy	\$ 8.835 <sup>(2)</sup>					09/24/2010 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/24/2019	Common	10
Option To Buy	\$ 11.645 <sup>(2)</sup>					09/23/2011 <sup>(6)</sup> 09/23/2020	Common	20
Option To Buy	\$ 26.27 <sup>(3)</sup>					09/21/2012 <sup>(6)</sup> 09/21/2021	Common	10
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(7)</sup>	09/20/2012		A	5,000	09/20/2013 <sup>(8)</sup> 09/20/2022 <sup>(8)</sup>	Common	5,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAFFE ELLIOT S C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901	X			

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney  
09/21/2012

<sup>(1)</sup>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) Shares are held by Roslyn Jaffe, Mr. Jaffe's wife. Mr. Jaffe disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (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 three equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (6) Exercisable in four equal annual installment with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (7) Restricted stock units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (8) These units vest in four equal installments on September 20, 2013, September 20, 2014, September 20, 2015 and September 20, 2016.

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