

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)  
09/21/2011

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)  
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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common                          |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 4,976,164 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 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 |
| Option to Buy                              | \$ 7.56 <sup>(2)</sup>                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/04/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>                                | 06/04/2012  | Common | 300,   |
| Options to Buy                             | \$ 6.76 <sup>(2)</sup>                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/09/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>                                | 12/09/2012  | Common | 300,   |
| Option To Buy                              | \$ 11.84 <sup>(3)</sup>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/12/2006 <sup>(5)</sup>                                | 10/12/2015  | Common | 300,   |
| Option to Buy                              | \$ 14.99 <sup>(3)</sup>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/18/2009 <sup>(5)</sup>                                | 09/18/2018  | Common | 250,   |
| Option To Buy                              | \$ 17.67 <sup>(3)</sup>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/24/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 09/24/2019  | Common | 80,0   |
| Option To Buy                              | \$ 30 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/09/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 12/09/2019  | Common | 150,   |
| Option To Buy                              | \$ 23.39 <sup>(3)</sup>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/23/2011 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 09/23/2020  | Common | 80,0   |
| Option To Buy                              | \$ 30 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/23/2011 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 09/23/2020  | Common | 75,0   |
| Option To Buy                              | \$ 31.09 <sup>(4)</sup>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/09/2012 <sup>(7)</sup>                                | 03/09/2021  | Common | 44,3   |
| Option To Buy                              | \$ 26.27 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 09/21/2011                           |  | A                              | 80,000  | 09/21/2012 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 09/21/2021  | Common | 80,0   |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(8)</sup>   | 09/21/2011                           |  | A                              | 80,000  | <sup>(9)</sup>   | <sup>(9)</sup>  | Common | 80,0   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| JAFFE DAVID R<br>C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC.<br>30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE<br>SUFFERN, NY 10901 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of  
attorney

09/23/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* 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 12,500 shares of restricted stock awarded under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan
- (3) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
- (4) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (6) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (7) Vests 100% one year from date of grant.
- (8) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (9) 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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