JAFFE DAVID R Form 4 June 01, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAFFE DAVID R | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | _X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO | | |
| C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, | | | 06/01/2012 | | | |
| INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE | | | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| SUFFERN, NY 10901 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | |
| | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Toble I Non Derivative Securities Acc | quired Disposed of an Ranaficially Owned | | |

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|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securitie | s Acqu | uired | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or Disp | osed c | of (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 | and 5) | | Beneficially | Form: Direct | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | (D) or | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | Indirect (I) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (4) | | Reported | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| | | | Code 1 | 2 timount | (D) | \$ | | | |
| Common | 06/01/2012 | | M | 600,000 | A | | 10,552,328 | D | |
| | | | | • | | 3.78 | | | |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | orDeriv Secur Acqu Dispo | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------|--|--------------------|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title N |
| Option to Buy | \$ 3.78 (1) | 06/01/2012 | | M | | 600,000 | 06/04/2003(4) | 06/04/2012 | Common 6 |
| Options to Buy | \$ 3.38 (1) | | | | | | 12/09/2003(4) | 12/09/2012 | Common 6 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 5.92 (2) | | | | | | 10/12/2006(4) | 10/12/2015 | Common 6 |
| Option to Buy | \$ 7.495 (2) | | | | | | 09/18/2009(4) | 09/18/2018 | Common 5 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 8.835 (2) | | | | | | 09/24/2010(5) | 09/24/2019 | Common 1 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 15 <u>(2)</u> | | | | | | 12/09/2010(5) | 12/09/2019 | Common 3 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 11.695 (2) | | | | | | 09/23/2011(5) | 09/23/2020 | Common 1 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 15 <u>(2)</u> | | | | | | 09/23/2011(5) | 09/23/2020 | Common 1 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 15.545 (3) | | | | | | 03/09/2012(6) | 03/09/2021 | Common |
| Option To Buy | \$ 13.135 (3) | | | | | | 09/21/2012(5) | 09/21/2021 | Common 1 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(7)</u> | | | | | | <u>(8)</u> | <u>(8)</u> | Common 1 |
| Performance Share Units | <u>(9)</u> | | | | | | (10) | (10) | Common |

Reporting Owners

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

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Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney

06/01/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Granted under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan
- (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) Vests 100% one year from date of grant.
- (7) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock under the 2014 LTIP.
- (8) 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.
- (9) These shares of performance based shares were awarded under the Company's 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2011 LTIP").
- (10) These shares vest 1/3 on each of the following dates: July 30, 2012, July 30, 2013, and July 30, 2014.

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