

Levine Jay S.  
Form 4  
September 21, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Levine Jay 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  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

SVP, Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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				(A) or (D)	2,500	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 A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Option To Buy'	\$ 16.31 (1)							06/02/2012(2)	06/02/2021	Common
Option to Buy	\$ 13.135 (1)							09/21/2012(2)	09/21/2021	Common
Restricted Share Units	(3)							(4)	(4)	Common
Performance Share Units	(5)							(6)	(6)	Common
Restricted Share Units	(7)							(8)	(8)	Common
Option To Buy (1)	\$ 20.79	09/20/2012		A		20,000		09/20/2013(2)	09/20/2022(2)	Common
Restricted Stock Units	(9) (10)	09/20/2012		A		5,000		(11)	(11)	Common

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Levine Jay S. C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901			SVP, Chief Accounting Officer	

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Power of Attorney  
09/21/2012

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) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Exercisable in four equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated.

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- (3) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. These shares will vest 50% on the one year anniversary date (i.e. June 2, 2012), and another 50% on the two year anniversary date of the grant (i.e. June 2, 2013).
- (4) These shares vested 50% on the one year anniversary date (i.e. June 2, 2012), and another 50% will vest the two year anniversary date of the grant (i.e. June 2, 2013).
- (5) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Restricted shares units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (8) These units vest in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.
- (9) These shares of performance based stock were awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2015 LTIP").
- (10) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (11) The number of RSU's to be received will be based upon the percentage of achievement by Ascena of certain financial performance targets for Ascena's fiscal year 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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