

MUTO GARY  
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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 \*  
MUTO GARY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP,  
INC., 933 MACARTHUR  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

MAHWAH, NJ 07430

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/01/2019

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)  
Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common				(A) or (D)	224,926	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 of Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	05/01/2019		A	1,957,627	<u>(3)(4)</u>	<u>(3)(4)</u>	Common	1,957,627
Options To Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1.17	05/01/2019		A	2,750,000	<u>(3)(4)</u>	<u>(3)(4)</u>	Common	2,750,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MUTO GARY C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD MAHWAH, NJ 07430	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Power of Attorney  
 05/03/2019  
 \*\*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 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Subject to the grantee's continued employment from the grant date through the applicable vesting date: 25% of each of the Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") and Non-Qualified Stock Options ("NQSOs") will be eligible to vest if the closing price of the Company's common stock equals or exceeds \$3.00 per share for a 20-consecutive trading day period on or prior to the third anniversary of the grant date (the "\$3 Hurdle"); an additional 25% of each of the RSUs and NQSOs will be eligible to vest if the closing price of the Company's common stock equals or exceeds \$5 per share for a 20-consecutive trading day period on or prior to the third anniversary of the grant date (the "\$5 Hurdle"); and the remaining 50% of each of the RSUs and NQSOs will be eligible to vest if the closing price of the Company's common stock equals or exceeds \$7 per share for a 20-consecutive trading day period on or prior to the third anniversary of the grant date (the "\$7 Hurdle" and together with the \$3 Hurdle and \$5 Hurdle, the "Hurdles"); provided, however, if a Hurdle is actually achieved prior to the second anniversary of the grant date, the portion of the RSUs and NQSOs related to the Hurdle that was actually achieved prior to the second anniversary of the grant date will vest
- (4) on the second anniversary of the grant date, subject to the grantee's continued employment from the grant date through the second anniversary of the grant date. Any portion of the RSUs and NQSOs for which the applicable Hurdle is not actually achieved by the third anniversary of the grant date will be forfeited for no consideration.

### Remarks:

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Note: Footnotes 3 and 4 is one footnote due to the length of the explanation.

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