

Ascena Retail Group, Inc.
 Form 4
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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 *
 Pershing John E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
 09/21/2016

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)
 EVP, Chief HR 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) | 15,398 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Option To Buy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 5.56 | 09/21/2016 | | A | 47,547 | 09/21/2017 ⁽²⁾ 09/21/2023 ⁽²⁾ | Common 47 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | 09/21/2016 | | A | 15,518 | ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ | Common 15 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | 09/21/2016 | | A | 47,414 | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Common 47 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Pershing John E ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD MAHWAH, NJ 07430 | | | EVP, Chief HR Officer | |

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Powe of Attorney 09/23/2016

⁽¹⁾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) Vests in three equal annual installments with the first installment beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) On September 21, 2016, the reporting person was granted 15,518 restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (5) On September 21, 2016, the reporting person was granted 47,414 restricted stock units, vesting in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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