

Ascena Retail Group, Inc.
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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 *
WEXLER GENE

(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)
10/12/2011

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 below) ___ Other (specify below)

SVP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common | 10/12/2011 | | A | 4,090 (1) (2) | A \$ 0 16,603 (3) | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Buy | \$ 23.3 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | 11/29/2007 ⁽⁶⁾ 11/29/2016 | Common | 4,000 |
| Option to Buy | \$ 14.99 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | 09/18/2009 ⁽⁶⁾ 09/18/2018 | Common | 50,000 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 17.67 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | 09/24/2010 ⁽⁷⁾ 09/24/2019 | Common | 20,000 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 23.39 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | 09/23/2011 09/23/2020 | Common | 20,000 |
| Option To Buy | \$ 26.27 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | 09/21/2012 ⁽⁷⁾ 09/21/2021 | Common | 15,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽⁸⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁹⁾ ⁽⁹⁾ | Common | 3,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WEXLER GENE C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901 | | | SVP, General Counsel | |

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney
10/12/2011

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**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) These shares of performance based shares were awarded under the Company's Fiscal 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan the "2011 LTIP").

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- (2) These shares vest 1/3 on each of the following dates: July 30, 2012, July 30, 2013 and July 30 2014.
- (3) Includes 5,000 restricted shares awarded under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (6) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (7) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (8) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock under the 2014 LTIP.
- (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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