

Sullivan John J.  
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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 \*  
Sullivan John J.

(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)

10/23/2012

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 below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP - Chief Operating 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common                          |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 0   | 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------|--------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V                         | (A)   | (D)  | Date Exercisable                         | Expiration Date           | Title  |
| Option to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>               | \$ 14.185  |                                      |  |                                |   |  | 12/06/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>                | 12/06/2021 <sup>(2)</sup> | Common |
| Restricted Share Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   |  | <sup>(4)</sup>                           | <sup>(4)</sup>            | Common |
| Restricted Share Units                     | <sup>(6)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   |  | <sup>(5)</sup>                           | <sup>(5)</sup>            | Common |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(6)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   |  | <sup>(7)</sup>                           | <sup>(7)</sup>            | Common |
| Option To Buy <sup>(1)</sup>               | \$ 20.79   |                                      |  |                                |   |  | 09/20/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>                | 09/20/2022 <sup>(2)</sup> | Common |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(14)</sup>  | 10/23/2012                           |  | J                              | 12,000 <sup>(12)</sup>  |  | <sup>(14)</sup>                          | <sup>(14)</sup>           | Common |
| Restricted Share Units                     | <sup>(14)</sup>  | 10/23/2012                           |  | J                              | 30,000 <sup>(15)</sup>  |  | <sup>(14)</sup>                          | <sup>(14)</sup>           | Common |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(9)</sup>   | 10/23/2012                           |  | A                              | 12,000 <sup>(8) (13)</sup>  |  | <sup>(10)</sup>                          | <sup>(10)</sup>           | Common |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(9)</sup>   | 10/23/2012                           |  | A                              | 30,000 <sup>(8) (13)</sup>  |  | <sup>(11)</sup>                          | <sup>(11)</sup>           | Common |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Sullivan John J.<br>C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC.<br>30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE<br>SUFFERN, NY 10901 |               |           | EVP - Chief Operating Officer |       |

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Power of  
Attorney

10/25/2012

\_\_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.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (4) 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.
- (5) These shares will vest 50%, with the first vesting on December 6, 2012.
- (6) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (7) These units vested in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.
- (8) These shares of performance based stock were awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2015 LTIP").
- (9) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (10) 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.
- (11) These shares will vest 10% over three years, these shares will vest 15% in the fourth year, these shares will vest 20% the fifth year, and 35% the sixth year. The first vesting will be September 20, 2013.
- (12) Represents the rescission on 10/23/2012 of the shares awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan granted on 9/20/2012.
- (13) Granted subject to stockholder approval of the amendment of the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on 12/11/2012.
- (14) Not applicable.
- (15) Represents the rescission on 10/23/2012 of the RSU's granted on 9/20/2012.

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