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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAFFE ELISE	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
C/O ASENA RETAIL GROUP, INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 06/19/2012	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SUFFERN, NY 10901		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	es	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	nAcquired	(A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)	Reported		
					(A)	Transaction(s)		
					or	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D) Price	· ·		
Common						9,751,664	D	
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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	onof Derivati	ties red sed 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Option To Buy	\$ 3.38 (3)						12/09/2003(1)	12/09/2012	Common	160,000
Options to Buy	\$ 5.92 (4)						10/12/2006(1)	10/12/2015	Common	160,000
Option To Buy	\$ 7.495 (4)						09/18/2009(1)	09/18/2018	Common	80,000
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 (4)						09/24/2010(2)	09/24/2019	Common	30,000
Option To Buy	\$ 11.695 (4)						09/23/2011(2)	09/23/2020	Common	30,000
Option To Buy	\$ 13.135 (5)						09/21/2012(2)	09/21/2021	Common	30,000
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common	7,500
Restricted Stock Shares	<u>(8)</u>						<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common	7,644
Restricted Share Units	(10)	06/19/2012		A	500		(11)	<u>(11)</u>	Common	500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JAFFE ELISE C/O ASENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901			Senior Vice President				

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Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney

06/21/2012

**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) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (2) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (3) Granted under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan.
- (4) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
- (5) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (6) These shares of performance based shares were awarded under the Company's 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2011 LTIP").
- (7) 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.
- (8) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock. under 2014 LTIP.
- (9) These shares vested 1/3 on each of the following dates: July 30, 2012, July 30, 2013 and July 30, 2014.
- (10) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (11) These units vest in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.

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