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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAFFE DAVID R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
æ s	(T)	05111	•	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP,			06/26/2012	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify		
INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE				below) below)		
ive., 30 Dervitorational		AU A E		President & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	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 Acc	wired Disposed of ar Reneficially Owned		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Sec	urities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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 A pror Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and (A or Amount (D	f (D) 15)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	06/26/2012		S	50,000 D	19.0086 (1)	10,068,728	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.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 Number Shares
Options to Buy	\$ 3.38 (2)					12/09/2003(5)	12/09/2012	Common	600,00
Option To Buy	\$ 5.92 (3)					10/12/2006(5)	10/12/2015	Common	600,00
Option to Buy	\$ 7.495 (3)					09/18/2009(5)	09/18/2018	Common	500,00
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 (3)					09/24/2010(6)	09/24/2019	Common	160,00
Option To Buy	\$ 15 <u>(3)</u>					12/09/2010(6)	12/09/2019	Common	300,00
Option To Buy	\$ 11.695 (3)					09/23/2011(6)	09/23/2020	Common	160,00
Option To Buy	\$ 15 <u>(3)</u>					09/23/2011(6)	09/23/2020	Common	150,00
Option To Buy	\$ 15.545 (4)					03/09/2012(7)	03/09/2021	Common	88,64
Option To Buy	\$ 13.135 (4)					09/21/2012(6)	09/21/2021	Common	160,00
Restricted Stock Units	(8)					(9)	<u>(9)</u>	Common	160,00
Performance Share Units	(10)					(11)	<u>(11)</u>	Common	46,15
Restricted Share Units	(12)					(13)	(13)	Common	35,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
JAFFE DAVID R	X		President & CEO			
C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC.						

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30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney

06/28/2012

**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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades ranging from \$19.00 to \$19.04. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. Detailed information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan
- (3) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
- (4) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (6) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (7) Vests 100% one year from date of grant.
- (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.
- (10) These shares of performance based shares were awarded under the Company's 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2011 LTIP").
- (11) These shares vest 1/3 on each of the following dates: July 30, 2012, July 30, 2013, and July 30, 2014.
- (12) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (13) These units vested in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.

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