

Sullivan John J.
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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)
12/06/2011

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 Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common	12/06/2011		A	V A	Amount 5,000 Price \$ 0	5,000 ⁽¹⁾	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 ⁽²⁾	\$ 28.37	12/06/2011		A	25,000	12/06/2012 ⁽³⁾ 12/06/2021 ⁽³⁾	Common 25
Restricted Share Units	⁽⁴⁾	12/06/2011		A	10,000	⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	Common 10

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Power of Attorney	12/08/2011
<u> </u> 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) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. These shares will vest 50%, with the first vesting on December 6, 2012.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Exercisable in four equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- (5) 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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