Ascena Retail Group, Inc.

Form 4

October 11, 2012

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

10/10/2012

See Instruction

WEXLER GENE	Symbol	Issuer
	Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]	(Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	
	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner
C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP,	10/10/2012	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)
INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE		SVP, General Counsel
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
SUFFERN, NY 10901	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting
		Person
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. De	emed 3. 4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of
Security (Month/Day/Year) Executive	ion Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of	Securities Form: Direct Indirect
(Instr. 3) any	Code (D)	Beneficially (D) or Beneficial
(Month	/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)	Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. donNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 11.65 (3)					11/29/2007(5)	11/29/2016	Common	8,000
Option to Buy	\$ 7.495 (3)					09/18/2009(5)	09/18/2018	Common	100,000
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 (3)					09/24/2010(6)	09/24/2019	Common	40,000
Option To Buy	\$ 11.695 (3)					09/23/2011	09/23/2020	Common	40,000
Option To Buy	\$ 13.135 (4)					09/21/2012(6)	09/21/2021	Common	30,000
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(7)</u>					(8)	(8)	Common	7,500
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(9)</u>					(10)	(10)	Common	12,500
Option To Buy	\$ 20.79 (4)					09/20/2013(6)	09/20/2022	Common	17,500
Restricted Stock Units	(11) (12)					(13)	(13)	C ommon	4,375

# **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

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# **Signatures**

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney

10/11/2012

\*\*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) These shares of performance based shares were awarded under the Company's 2012 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2012 LTIP")
- (2) Includes 8,180 restricted shares awarded under the Company's Fiscal 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan the "2011 LTIP". These shares vest 1/3 on each of the following dates: 7/30/12, 7/30/13, and 7/30/14.
- (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) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock under the 2014 LTIP.
- (8) 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.
- (9) Restricted stock units issued under the Company 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (10) These units vest in 2 equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.
- (11) These shares of performance based stock were awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2015 LTIP").
- (12) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
- 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.

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