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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Sullivan John J. Issuer Symbol Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP. 10/23/2012 below) INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE **EVP** - Chief Operating Officer (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting SUFFERN, NY 10901 (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	1		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and 5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	Reported Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common					, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	Acquired sposed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Option to Buy (1)	\$ 14.185						12/06/2012(2)	12/06/2021(2)	Common
Restricte Share Units	ed (3)						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common
Restricte Share Units	ed <u>(6)</u>						(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common
Restricte Stock Units	ed <u>(6)</u>						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common
Option T Buy (1)	\$ 20.79						09/20/2013(2)	09/20/2022(2)	Common
Restricte Stock Units	ed <u>(14)</u>	10/23/2012		J		12,000 (12)	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(14)</u>	Common
Restricte Share Units	ed (14)	10/23/2012		J		30,000	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(14)</u>	Common
Restricte Stock Units	ed (9)	10/23/2012		A	12,000 (8) (13)		(10)	(10)	Common
Restricte Stock Units	ed <u>(9)</u>	10/23/2012		A	30,000 (8) (13)		<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common

Reporting Owners

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

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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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