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

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12/07/2012

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		
			Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]				[A]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction							
			(Month/D	ay/Year)				Director		Owner
C/O ASENA RETAIL GROUP,			12/07/2012					_X_ Officer (give		r (specify
INC., 30 DU						below) below) Senior Vice President				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Mor	nth/Day/Year	•)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0		
SUFFERN,	NY 10901							Person	More than One Re	porting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securiti	ies Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	te 2A. Dee	med	3.	4. Securit	ies Acq	uired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year) Execution	n Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dis	sposed of	of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code		(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form: Direct Beneficial	Beneficial
		(Month/	Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
								Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
						(A)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
						or		Transaction(s)		
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
							\$	/45		

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)	orDeri Secu Acqı Disp	umber of vative urities uired (A) or cosed of (D) cr. 3, 4, and	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N S
Option To Buy	\$ 3.38 (4)	12/07/2012		M		160,000	12/09/2003(2)	12/09/2012	Common	1
Options to Buy	\$ 5.92 (5)						10/12/2006(2)	10/12/2015	Common	1
Option To Buy	\$ 7.495 (5)						09/18/2009(2)	09/18/2018	Common	
Option To Buy	\$ 8.835 (5)						09/24/2010(3)	09/24/2019	Common	
Option To Buy	\$ 11.695 (5)						09/23/2011(3)	09/23/2020	Common	
Option To Buy	\$ 13.135 (6)						09/21/2012(3)	09/21/2021	Common	
Restricted Stock Shares	<u>(7)</u>						<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common	
Restricted Share Units	<u>(9)</u>						(10)	(10)	Common	
Option To Buy	\$ 20.79 (6)						09/20/2013(3)	09/20/2022(3)	Common	

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				
Signatures							
Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney	12/0	07/2012					
**Signature of Reporting Person	1	Date					

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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) Includes 20,319 shares of performance based shares awarded under the Company's 2012 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2012 LTIP")
- (2) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (3) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (4) Granted under the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan.
- (5) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan
- (6) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (7) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock. under 2014 LTIP.
- (8) These shares vested 1/3 on each of the following dates: July 30, 2012, July 30, 2013 and July 30, 2014.
- (9) Restricted share units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (10) These units vest in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.

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