

Ascena Retail Group, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**WEXLER GENE**

(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)

**01/19/2012**

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)

**SVP, General Counsel**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common	01/19/2012		S	3,103 D \$ 35.2823	9,176 <sup>(1)</sup>	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	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 23.3 <sup>(2)</sup>					11/29/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 11/29/2016	Common	4,000
Option to Buy	\$ 14.99 <sup>(2)</sup>					09/18/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/18/2018	Common	50,000
Option To Buy	\$ 17.67 <sup>(2)</sup>					09/24/2010 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/24/2019	Common	20,000
Option To Buy	\$ 23.39 <sup>(2)</sup>					09/23/2011 09/23/2020	Common	20,000
Option To Buy	\$ 26.27 <sup>(3)</sup>					09/21/2012 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/21/2021	Common	15,000
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(6)</sup>					<sup>(7)</sup> <sup>(7)</sup>	Common	3,750

## 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	

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney  
01/19/2012  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).

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Includes 4,090 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.

- (2) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan
- (4) Exercisable in five equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (5) Exercisable in four equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock under the 2014 LTIP.
- (7) 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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