

Ascena Retail Group, Inc.
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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 *
JAFJE ELLIOT S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP,
INC., 933 MACARTHUR
BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman

(Street)
MAHWAH, NJ 07430

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common | 12/08/2016 | | M | V A | 24,603 (1) | D | |
| Common | 12/12/2016 | | S | V D | 9,150 (2) \$ 7.6114 (3) | D | |
| Common | | | | | 862,938 (4) | I | See Footnote (4) |

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)

| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁵⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 12/08/2016 | | M | 16,010 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common | 16,010 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁷⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 12/08/2016 | | M | 1,667 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common | 1,667 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁷⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 12/08/2016 | | M | 2,917 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common | 2,917 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁷⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 12/08/2016 | | M | 2,916 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common | 2,916 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁷⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 12/08/2016 | | M | 364 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common | 364 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁷⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 12/08/2016 | | M | 364 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common | 364 |
| Restrcited Stock Units ⁽⁷⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 12/08/2016 | | M | 365 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common | 365 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JAFFE ELLIOT S C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD | X | | Chairman | |

MAHWAH, NJ 07430

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney

12/12/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Shares sold to pay taxes due upon vesting of restricted stock units.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades ranging from \$7.60 to \$7.64 The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. Detailed information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer.

- (4) Shares are held by Roslyn Jaffe, Mr. Jaffe's wife. Mr. Jaffe disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (5) Granted under the Company's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

Effective December 8, 2016, the Compensation and Stock Incentive Committee of the Board of Directors accelerated the vesting of the Restricted Stock Units in connection with the reporting person's retirement as the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan and 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

- (7) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.

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