

Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc.
Form SC 13D/A
August 11, 2017

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO

§ 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO

§240.13d-2(a)

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Amendment No. 9

Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

04316A-108

(CUSIP Number)

Sarah A. Johnson

875 E. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 800

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 390-6100

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 8, 2017

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Eric R. Colson
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(A) (B)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS:

OO
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(D) or 2(E)

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

United States of America

NUMBER OF 7. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 0

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

17,009,830¹

REPORTING 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH

561,463

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

17,009,830

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

27.3%²

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

IN

¹ Represents all shares of Class A and Class B common stock of Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. that the Stockholders Committee (discussed in this Schedule 13D), of which Eric R. Colson is a member, has the power to vote. Mr. Colson disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares except those for which he has sole dispositive power.

² Represents the amount in Row 11 divided by the sum of the total number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock and the number of shares of Class A common stock that would be issued upon exchange of the shares of Class B common stock included in Row 8.

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

2. Charles J. Daley, Jr.
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(A) (B)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS:

5. OO
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(D) or 2(E)

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

United States of America

NUMBER OF 7. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 400³

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

17,009,830⁴

REPORTING 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH

126,679

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

17,010,230

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

27.3%⁵

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

IN

³ Represents all shares of Class A common stock of Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. beneficially owned by Charles J. Daley, Jr. that are not subject to the Stockholders Agreement discussed in this Schedule 13D.

⁴ Represents all shares of Class A and Class B common stock of Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. that the Stockholders Committee (discussed in this Schedule 13D), of which Mr. Daley is a member, has the power to vote. Mr. Daley disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares except those for which he has sole dispositive power.

⁵ Represents the amount in Row 11 divided by the sum of the total number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock and the number of shares of Class A common stock that would be issued upon exchange of the shares of Class B common stock included in Row 8.

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Gregory K. Ramirez
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(A) (B)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS:

OO
5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(D) or 2(E)

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

United States of America

NUMBER OF 7. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 1,400⁶
8. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

REPORTING 17,009,830⁷
9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH

108,264
10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

17,011,230

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

27.3%⁸

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

IN

⁶ Represents all shares of Class A common stock of Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. beneficially owned by Gregory K. Ramirez that are not subject to the Stockholders Agreement discussed in this Schedule 13D.

⁷ Represents all shares of Class A and Class B common stock of Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. that the Stockholders Committee (discussed in this Schedule 13D), of which Mr. Ramirez is a member, has the power to vote. Mr. Ramirez disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares except those for which he has sole dispositive power.

⁸ Represents the amount in Row 11 divided by the sum of the total number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock and the number of shares of Class A common stock that would be issued upon exchange of the shares of Class B common stock included in Row 8.

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This Amendment No. 9 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 9) amends the statement on Schedule 13D relating to the Class A common stock of the Company filed by the Reporting Persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2014, as amended (the Original Schedule 13D). Capitalized terms used in this Amendment No. 9 but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Original Schedule 13D.

This Amendment No. 9 is being made to reflect a decrease in the number of shares subject to the Stockholders Agreement described in the Original Schedule 13D and a decrease in the percentages deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons as a result. Except as otherwise set forth herein, this Amendment No. 9 does not modify any of the information previously reported by the Reporting Persons in the Original Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) (b)

As of August 9, 2017, 4,694,856 shares of Class A common stock of the Company and all 12,314,974 shares of Class B common stock of the Company are subject to the Stockholders Agreement. Those shares, in the aggregate, represent approximately 53.1% of the combined voting power of the Company's outstanding common stock. Each of the Reporting Persons is a member of the three-person Stockholders Committee that has the power to vote the shares subject to the Stockholders Agreement. As a result, each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to have acquired beneficial ownership of all shares subject to the Stockholders Agreement. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares subject to the agreement, except for those shares with respect to which each Reporting Person, respectively, possesses sole dispositive power as noted below. The Stockholders Agreement is described in greater detail in, and filed as an exhibit to, the Original Schedule 13D.

| Name | Aggregate Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned | | Percentage of Outstanding Class A Common Stock | | Sole Voting Power | | Shared Voting Power | | Sole Power to Dispose | | Shared Power to Dispose | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eric R. Colson | 17,009,830 | | 27.3% | | 0 | | 17,009,830 | | 561,463 | | 0 | |
| Charles J. Daley, Jr. | 17,010,230 | | 27.3% | | 400 | | 17,009,830 | | 126,679 | | 0 | |
| Gregory K. Ramirez | 17,011,230 | | 27.3% | | 1,400 | | 17,009,830 | | 108,264 | | 0 | |

The percentages in the column titled Percentage of Outstanding Class A Common Stock are calculated in accordance with Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) and thereby represent each Reporting Person's aggregate number of shares of Class A common stock beneficially owned, divided by the sum of the total number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock and the number of shares of Class A common stock that would be issued upon exchange of the shares of Class B common stock deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Person. Each share of Class B common stock corresponds to a Class B common unit of Holdings, which, together with the corresponding Class B common unit, is exchangeable for one share of Class A common stock, subject to certain restrictions and conditions.

(c) Pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, on March 6, 2017, May 5, 2017, and August 8, 2017, a number of employee-partners exchanged 206,770, 404,127, and 45,238, respectively, Class B common units of Holdings (along with a corresponding number of shares of Class B common stock, which were cancelled) for an equal number of

shares of Class A common stock. Subsequent to each exchange, some of the exchanging employee-partners sold all or some of the shares of Class A common stock received upon such exchange. Once sold, the shares were no longer subject to the Stockholders Agreement and were no longer deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting persons. None of Mr. Colson, Mr. Daley and Mr. Ramirez exchanged or sold shares in connection with the March 6, May 5 or August 8 exchanges.

On August 3, 2017, 461,418 restricted shares of Class A common stock held by certain employees of the Company vested. Subsequent to the vesting date, a number of employees of the Company sold some or all of their vested shares. Once sold, the shares were no longer subject to the Stockholders Agreement and were no longer deemed to be beneficially owned by the reporting persons. None of Mr. Colson, Mr. Daley and Mr. Ramirez sold shares in connection with the August 3 vesting.

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(d) Except for the shares listed in the column titled Sole Power to Dispose, persons other than the Reporting Persons have the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares listed in the column titled Aggregate Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned. The information set forth under Item 3 and Item 6 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby incorporated by reference.

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Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

| Exhibit | Description |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of February 20, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Schedule 13D filed on March 10, 2015) |
| 99.2 | Stockholders Agreement, dated as of March 12, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 25, 2016) |
| 99.3 | Exchange Agreement, dated as of March 6, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 25, 2016) |
| 99.4 | Amended and Restated Resale and Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of November 6, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 25, 2016) |
| 99.5 | Power of Attorney of Eric R. Colson, dated March 10, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to the Schedule 13D filed on March 12, 2014) |
| 99.6 | Power of Attorney of Charles J. Daley, Jr., dated March 10, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.6 to the Schedule 13D filed on March 12, 2014) |
| 99.7 | Power of Attorney of Gregory K. Ramirez, dated March 11, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.7 to the Schedule 13D filed on March 12, 2014) |

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SIGNATURES**

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 11, 2017

ERIC R. COLSON

By: Eric R. Colson*

CHARLES J. DALEY JR.

By: Charles J. Daley Jr. *

GREGORY K. RAMIREZ

By: Gregory K. Ramirez*

*By: /s/ Sarah A. Johnson
Sarah A. Johnson
Attorney-in-Fact for Eric R. Colson
Attorney-in-Fact for Charles J. Daley, Jr.
Attorney-in-Fact for Gregory K. Ramirez