Levine Jay S.
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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. <br> Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. <br> Transactio <br> Code <br> (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <br> (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4 |
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|  |  |  |  | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |


| Option To | $\$ 16.31$ | $06 / 02 / 2012 \underline{(2)}$ | $06 / 02 / 2021$ | Common |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Buy' | $\underline{(1)}$ |  |  |  |
| Option to | $\$ 13.135$ | $09 / 21 / 2012 \underline{(2)}$ | $09 / 21 / 2021$ | Common |
| Buy | $\underline{(1)}$ |  |  |  |


| Restricted | (3) | (4) | (4) | Common |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Share Units |  | (6) | (6) | Common |
| Performance | (5) | - | (8) | (8) |
| Share Units |  | Common |  |  |
| Restricted | (7) |  | (8) |  |


| Option To <br> Buy $\underline{(1)}$ | $\$ 20.79$ | $09 / 20 / 2012$ | A | 20,000 | $09 / 20 / 2013 \underline{(2)}$ | 09/20/2022(2) | Common |
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| Restricted <br> Stock Units | $\underline{(9)} \underline{(10)}$ | $09 / 20 / 2012$ | A | 5,000 | $\underline{(11)}$ | $\underline{(11)}$ | Common |

## Reporting Owners

Relationships
Director $10 \%$ Owner Officer Other
Levine Jay S.
C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC.
30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE
SUFFERN, NY 10901

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Power of Attorney

${ }_{-}^{* *}$ Signature of Reporting Person<br>Date

09/21/2012

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(1) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
(2) Exercisable in four equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated.


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(3) Restricted share units issued under the Comnpany's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. These shares will vest $50 \%$ on the one year anniversary date (i.e. June 2, 2012), and another $50 \%$ on the two year anniversary date of the grant (i.e. June 2, 2013).
(4) These shares vested $50 \%$ on the one year anniversary date (i.e. June 2, 2012), and another $50 \%$ will vest the two year anniversary date of the grant (i.e. June 2, 2013).
(5) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
(6) 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.
(7) Restricted shares units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
(8) These units vest in two equal installments on June 19, 2013 and June 19, 2014.
(9) These shares of performance based stock were awarded under the Company's 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2015 LTIP").
(10) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ascena common stock.
(11) The number of RSU's to be received will be based upon the percentage of achievement by Ascena of certain financilal performance targets for Ascena's fiscal year 2013, 2014 and 2015.
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