

EPPLER KLAUS  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EPPLER KLAUS

(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)  
09/20/2012

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price	16,296	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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 17.09 (1)						12/01/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/01/2015	Common	20,000
Option To Buy	\$ 14.99 (1)						09/18/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/18/2018	Common	15,000
Option To Buy	\$ 17.67 (1)						09/24/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/24/2019	Common	5,000
Option To Buy	\$ 23.39 (1)						09/23/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/23/2020	Common	10,000
Option To Buy	\$ 24.63 (2)						09/22/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/22/2021	Common	10,000
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	09/20/2012	A		5,000		(5)	(5)	Common	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EPPLER KLAUS C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE SUFFERN, NY 10901	X			

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney  
09/21/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) Granted under the Company's 2001 Incentive Stock Plan.

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

(3) Exercisable in three equal installments with the first installment on the date indicated.

(4) Restricted stock units issued under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan

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(5) These units vest in three equal installments on September 20, 2013, September 20, 2014 and September 20, 2015

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