USDAN JOHN Form 4

September 23, 2011

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **USDAN JOHN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP,

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 09/22/2011

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

INC., 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SUFFERN, NY 10901

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

2.000 D

Common

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 2. Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative

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/Yea	onth/Day/Year)		4)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Option to Buy	\$ 7.08 <u>(1)</u>				11/19/2004(4)	11/19/2013	Common	6,800
Option to Buy	\$ 23.3 (2)				11/29/2007(4)	11/29/2016	Common	10,000
Option to Buy	\$ 14.99 (2)				09/18/2009(4)	09/18/2018	Common	10,000
Option To Buy	\$ 17.67 (2)				09/24/2010(4)	09/24/2019	Common	5,000
Open To Buy	\$ 23.39 (2)				09/23/2010(4)	09/23/2020	Common	10,000
Option To Buy	\$ 24.62 (3)	09/22/2011	J	10,000	09/22/2012(4)	09/22/2021	Common	10,000
Option to Buy	\$ 24.63	09/22/2011	A	10,000	09/22/2012(4)	09/22/2021	Common	10,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney 09/23/2011

**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 1995 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 2001 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentove Plan

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(4) Exercisable in three equal annual installments with the first installment on the date indicated

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