

Ascena Retail Group, Inc.  
Form 4  
September 26, 2016

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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 \*  
PEARCE RANDY L

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 MAC ARTHUR BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/23/2016

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

(Street)  
MAHWAH, NJ 07430

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common	09/23/2016		M	A	1,666	36,115	D
Common	09/26/2016		M	A	1,667	37,782	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)**

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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 (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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>(1)</u>	09/23/2016		M	1,666	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common	1,666 \$
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>(1)</u>	09/26/2016		M	1,667	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common	1,667 \$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PEARCE RANDY L C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 933 MAC ARTHUR BOULEVARD MAHWAH, NJ 07430	X			

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley by power of attorney    09/26/2016

        Signature of Reporting Person    Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) On September 23, 2014, the reporting person was granted 5,000 restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) On September 26, 2013, the reporting person was granted 5,000 restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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