

Ascena Retail Group, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ^ Lynch Brian E (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC., ^ 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD (Street) MAHWAH, ^ NJ ^ 07430 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/04/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Operating Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	12,053	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option To Buy ⁽¹⁾	06/03/2016	06/03/2022	Common	50,000	\$ 15.19	D	^
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	^ ⁽²⁾	^ ⁽²⁾	Common	45,000	\$ ⁽³⁾	D	^
Option To Buy ⁽¹⁾	09/29/2016	09/29/2022	Common	52,730	\$ 13.48	D	^
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	^ ⁽⁴⁾	^ ⁽⁴⁾	Common	11,899	\$ ⁽³⁾	D	^
Option To Buy ⁽⁵⁾	09/21/2017	09/21/2023	Common	107,774	\$ 5.56	D	^
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁵⁾	^ ⁽⁶⁾	^ ⁽⁶⁾	Common	35,173	\$ ⁽³⁾	D	^

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lynch Brian E C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD MAHWAH, NJ 07430	^	^	^ Chief Operating Officer	^

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley By Power Of Attorney 10/07/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) On June 3, 2015, the reporting person was granted 60,000 restricted stock units, vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) On September 29, 2015, the reporting person was granted 17,850 restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (5) Granted under the Company's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (6) On September 21, 2016, the reporting person was granted 35,173 restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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Remarks:
 EXHIBIT LIST: ^ EX-24 ^ - ^ Power ^ of ^ Attorney ^ Brian ^ E. ^ Lynch

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