

Pershing John E  
Form 4  
January 29, 2018

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Pershing John E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ASCENA RETAIL GROUP,  
INC., 933 MACARTHUR  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

MAHWAH, NJ 07430

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]

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

01/27/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP, Chief HR Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common	01/27/2018		M		28,000	A	\$ 77,440
Common	01/29/2018		F		10,962	D	\$ 2.25 66,478

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 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 Acquired (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. Deemed Settlement Date (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>(1)</u>	01/27/2018		M		28,000		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common	28,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pershing John E ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD MAHWAH, NJ 07430			EVP, Chief HR Officer	

## Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Powe of Attorney 01/29/2018

\*\*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

On January 27, 2012, the reporting person was granted 80,000 restricted stock units, vesting as follows: 8,000 shares on the first, second and third anniversary of the grant date, 12,000 shares on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, 16,000 shares on the fifth anniversary of the grant date, and 28,000 shares on the sixth anniversary date of the grant.

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