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Washington, D.C. 20549

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ALBER LAURA

(Last)

Symbol

(Middle)

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]

(Check all applicable)

3250 VAN NESS AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/16/2012

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

PRESIDENT & CEO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

(I)

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

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

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V Title (A) (D) Date Expiration Amount Exercisable Date Number Shares Restricted Common (2) 04/16/2016 Stock (1) 04/16/2012 Α 160,345 160,34 Stock Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALBER LAURA				
3250 VAN NESS AVENUE	X		PRESIDENT & CEO	
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94109				

Signatures

/s/ Laurel Pies, Attorney-in-Fact for Laura
Alber

04/18/2012

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WSM common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in two installments on April 16, 2014 and 2016. Vesting of these units is subject to a performance metric.

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