

ALBER LAURA
Form 4
May 31, 2012

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ALBER LAURA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3250 VAN NESS AVENUE

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]

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

05/29/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

PRESIDENT & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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)
Common Stock	05/29/2012		M	102,500	A \$ 0	202,046	D
Common Stock	05/29/2012		D	24,325 (1)	D \$ 36.07	177,721	D
Common Stock	05/29/2012		F	36,493 (2)	D \$ 36.07	141,228	D
Common Stock	05/30/2012		S	10,000	D \$ 35.6852 (3)	131,228	D
Common Stock	05/31/2012		S	10,000	D \$ 35.1262	121,228	D

(4)

Common
Stock

12,641 (5) I

By
Managed
Account

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Stock Settled Stock Appreciation Right (ssar)	\$ 8.56	05/29/2012		M	102,500	(6) 11/07/2018	Common Stock 102

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Laurel Pies, Attorney-in-Fact for Laura
Alber 05/31/2012

**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) Reflects the number of shares disposed by the reporting person to the issuer in connection with the reporting person's exercise of a stock-settled stock appreciation right.
- (2) Reflects the number of shares forfeited by the reporting person to satisfy tax withholding requirements.

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- Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$35.64 to
- (3) \$36.50. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$34.98 to
- (4) \$35.1467. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (5) The reporting person owns 12,641 WSM common stock under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. Associate Stock Incentive Plan (ASIP), a 401(k) plan, based on a statement dated May 29, 2012.
- (6) The SSAR vests in four equal annual installments beginning on November 7, 2009.

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