

ALBER LAURA  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
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)

03/18/2011

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)

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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/18/2011		M		70,000	A	\$ 8.56
Common Stock	03/18/2011		D		15,564	D	\$ 38.5
Common Stock	03/18/2011		F		25,411	D	\$ 38.5
Common Stock	03/18/2011		M		30,000	A	\$ 21.8
Common Stock	03/18/2011		S		59,025	D	\$ 38.5308
							<u>(1)</u>

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Common Stock 03/21/2011 J 318 A \$ 38.03 11,624 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.8	03/18/2011		M	30,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 04/01/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Settled Stock Appreciation Right (SSAR)	\$ 8.56	03/18/2011		M	70,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 11/07/2018	Common Stock	70,000

## 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

By: Attorney-in-Fact: Laurel Pies For: Laura Alber 03/22/2011

\_\_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).
  - Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$38.500 to \$38.797. 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.
- (1) The reporting person owns \$442,048.26 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated March 21, 2011. The number of shares indirectly owned by Managed Account and listed in Table 1 was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$38.03, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on March 18, 2011.
- (2) The option vested in equal installments on April 1, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.
- (4) The SSAR vests in four equal annual installments beginning on November 7, 2009.

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