

LESTER HOWARD  
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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 \*  
**LESTER HOWARD**

(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)  
05/02/2008

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)  
**CHAIRMAN & 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/02/2008		J	242 A \$ 27.24	711 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by Managed Account
Common Stock					7,266,662	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 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	05/02/2008		A	35,195	(3) (4)	Common Stock	35,195

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LESTER HOWARD 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	X		CHAIRMAN & CEO	

## Signatures

By: Attorney-in-Fact, Laurel Pies For: Howard W. Lester  
Date: 05/06/2008

\*\*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) The reporting person owns \$19,356.25 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated May 2, 2008. The number of shares indirectly owned was calculated by dividing the amount owned in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund by \$27.24, the closing price of Williams-Sonoma, Inc. common stock on May 2, 2008.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WSM common stock.

(3) The restricted stock units vest on May 2, 2012, subject to Williams-Sonoma, Inc. achieving certain performance goals for the 2008 fiscal year and continued service of the reporting person through May 2, 2012. Dividend equivalent payments will accrue and be paid upon vesting on May 2, 2012. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person upon vesting or the end of the deferral period, if applicable.

(4) The restricted stock units vest on May 2, 2012, subject to Williams-Sonoma, Inc. achieving certain performance goals for the 2008 fiscal year and the continued service of the reporting person through May 2, 2012. Dividend equivalent payments will accrue and be paid upon vesting on May 2, 2012. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person upon vesting or the end of the deferral period, if applicable.

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