

FORM 4

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|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol              | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
| <u>Budnik Marianne</u>                    | <u>Cerence Inc.</u> [ <u>CRNC</u> ]                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner                  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)         | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)                        |
| <u>15 WAYSIDE ROAD</u>                    | <u>02/20/2020</u>                                        |                                                                         |
| (Street)                                  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)             |
| <u>BURLINGTON MA 01803</u>                |                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |                                                          | 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 stock                    | 02/20/2020                           |                                                    | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 5,475                                                             | A          | \$0   | 21,761                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V |                                                                                        | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date |                                                                                   |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares are subject to a Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement and will vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

/s/ Leanne Fitzgerald attorney-in-fact 02/21/2020

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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