FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Hines Alissa	Requiring S (Month/Day	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2024  3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Vera Bradley, Inc. [VRA]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC.			4. Relationship of Reporting Issuer (Check all applicable)	,	Fil	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD			Director  X Officer (give title below)  VP, GMM MERCH	10% Owner Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(Street) ROANOKE IN 46783	-		VI, GIVIIVI IVILICE		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. I)			l. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ate	Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Conver		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	ise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative or Indirect Security (I) (Instr. 5)		5)	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Alyson Bohren,

attorney-in-fact for Alissa 02/15/2024

<u>Hines</u>

\*\* 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 5 (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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## LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Mark Dely, Alyson Bohren and Stephen Hackman, signing singly, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file a Form ID and Forms 3,4, and 5 (including amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Vera Bradley, Inc., an Indiana corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to each of the undersigned's attorneys-in-fact appointed by this Limited Power of Attorney and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney- in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Company nor any of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Alissa Hines
Signature
Alissa Hines
Printed