FORM 3

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 2. Date of Event 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* Requiring Statement <u>Vera Bradley, Inc.</u> [ VRA ] **Schwindle Michael** (Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2023 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Last) (First) (Middle) Issuer Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Check all applicable) C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC Director 10% Owner 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing 12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD Officer (give Other (specify (Check Applicable Line) title below) below) Form filed by One Reporting Person **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER** Form filed by More than One **ROANOKE IN** 46783 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) 2. Amount of Securities 3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned (Instr. Form: Direct Ownership (Instr. 5) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) **Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 3. Title and Amount of Securities 2. Date Exercisable and 6. Nature of **Expiration Date Underlying Derivative Security** Conversion Ownership **Indirect Beneficial** (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 4) or Exercise Form: Ownership (Instr. Price of Direct (D) Amount Derivative or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) or Security Number Date Expiration of

**Explanation of Responses:** 

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Alyson Bohren,

attorney-in-fact for Michael Schwindle 05/09/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting

Date

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

Exercisable

- \* 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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## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Mark Dely, Alyson Bohren, Lisa Conner and Stephen Hackman, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Vera Bradley, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- 2. Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any national quotation system, national securities exchange, stock exchange or similar authority; and
- 3. Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of or legally required by the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 27th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Michael Schwindle
Signature

Michael Schwindle
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