

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

Report Required by the Ethics
in Government Act of 1978
(5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

1. Person Reporting (last name, first, middle initial) Sands, Willie L.	2. Court or Organization District Court Middle Georgia	3. Date of Report 12/08/2017
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Senior U. S. District Judge	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☒ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016
7. Chambers or Office Address C. B. King U. S. Courthouse 201 West Broad Avenue Albany, Georgia 31701		
IMPORTANT NOTES: The instructions accompanying this form must be followed. Complete all parts, checking the NONE box for each part where you have no reportable information.		

I. POSITIONS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of filing instructions.)

☐ NONE (No reportable positions.)

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY</u>
1.	Trustee	Mercer University
2.	Trustee	Walter F. George School of Law Foundation, Inc.
3.		
4.		
5.		

II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of filing instructions.)

☒ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTIES AND TERMS</u>
1.		
2.		
3.		

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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of filing instructions.)***A. Filer's Non-Investment Income**NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>	<u>INCOME</u> (yours, not spouse's)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

B. Spouse's Non-Investment Income - *If you were married during any portion of the reporting year, complete this section.**(Dollar amount not required except for honoraria.)*NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>
1. 2016	Raycom Media, Inc - Salary
2. 2016	Self-employed, Singer/Performer
3.	
4.	

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS *— transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.**(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 25-27 of filing instructions.)*NONE *(No reportable reimbursements.)*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED</u>
1. SouthEastern White Collar Conference	September 7-9, 2016	Braseltown, GA	Member Presentation Panel for CLE program	Portion of meals, lodging and mileage
2. The Just the Beginning Biennial Judicial Conference	September 15-18, 2016	New York, NY	Biennial Judicial Conference	Portion of meals, lodging and transportation (Ford Foundation; Fordham Law School; Schiff Hardin, LLP)
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V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 28-31 of filing instructions.)*NONE *(No reportable gifts.)*

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 32-33 of filing instructions.)*NONE *(No reportable liabilities.)*

	<u>CREDITOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE CODE</u>
1.	Richard Neuwirth	personal loan	J
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

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1. Wells Fargo Interest Checking	A	Interest	J	T					
2. E*Trade Clearing LLC Brokerage (H)	A	Dividend	K	T					
3. AAPL common	A	Dividend	J	T					
4. EKSO common		None	J	T					
5. EKSO common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	08/09/16	J		
6. IDCC common	A	Dividend	J	T					
7. ORBC common		None	J	T					
8. PCRFY ADR	A	Dividend	J	T					
9. PCRFY ADR	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy (add'l)	04/15/16	J		
10. SENY common		None	K	T					
11. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	01/19/16	J		
12. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	02/05/16	J		
13. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	02/08/16	J		
14. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	02/09/16	J		
15. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	02/26/16	J		
16. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	02/26/16	J		
17. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	02/29/16	J		

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18. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	02/29/16	J		
19. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/01/16	J		
20. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/03/16	J		
21. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/04/16	J		
22. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/04/16	J		
23. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/10/16	J		
24. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/10/16	J		
25. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/12/16	J		
26. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/14/16	J		
27. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/17/16	J		
28. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/17/16	J		
29. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/17/16	J		
30. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/25/16	J		
31. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/02/16	J		
32. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/03/16	J		
33. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/21/16	J		
34. SENY common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	12/22/16	J		

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35. UEC common		None	J	T					
36. UEC common		None	J	T					
37. UEC common		None	J	T					
38. UEC common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	05/02/16	J		
39. UEC common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	08/02/16	J		
40. XOMA common		None			Sold	06/22/16	J		
41. XOMA common		None			Sold	06/22/16	J		
42. XOMA common		None			Sold	06/22/16	J		
43. XOMA common		None			Sold	06/22/16	J		
44. XOMA common		None			Sold	06/22/16	J		
45. SBOT common		None			Sold	04/05/16	J		
46. OA common	A	Dividend	J	T					
47. VSTO common		None	J	T					
48. FCAU NV	A	Dividend			Sold	06/22/16	J		
49. FCAU NV	A	Dividend			Sold	06/22/16	J		
50. BABA ADR		None	J	T					
51. PMTS common	A	Dividend			Sold	06/22/16	J		

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52. QRVO common		None	J	T					
53. CCGI (x) common		None	J	T	Buy	08/16/16	J		
54. CCGI common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	09/02/16	J		
55. CCGI common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	12/30/16	J		
56. EVSI (x) common		None	J	T	Buy	08/12/16	J		
57. EVSI common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	09/02/16	J		
58. EVSI common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/13/16	J		
59. EXK (x) common		None	J	T	Buy	06/24/16	J		
60. EXK common		None			Buy (add'l)	06/28/16	J		
61. EXK common		None			Buy (add'l)	06/29/16	J		
62. EXK common		None			Buy (add'l)	07/01/16	J		
63. EXK common		None			Sold	09/01/16	J	A	
64. ████████ (LINC (x) common)		None	J	T	Buy	03/30/16	J		
65. PMTS (x) common	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	05/10/16	J		
66. PMTS common	A	Dividend			Buy (add'l)	06/02/16	J		
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69. RACE (x) N V	A	Dividend	J	T	Spinoff (from line 48)	01/06/16	J		
70. SUNE (x) common		None	J	T	Buy	02/12/16	J		
71. SUNE common		None			Buy (add'l)	02/23/16	J		
72. SUNE common		None			Sold	03/29/16	J		
73. TRXC (x) common		None	J	T	Buy	01/27/16	J		
74. TRXC common		None			Buy (add'l)	03/07/16	J		
75. TRXC common		None			Buy (add'l)	04/05/16	J		
76. TRXC common		None			Sold	04/25/16	J		
77. Evertrade Direct Brokerage(x)		Dividend							
78. -ACIA(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	09/14/16	J		
79. -ACIA common		None			Sold	10/13/16	J		
80. -AMWD(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	09/06/16	J		
81. -AMWD common		None			Sold	09/12/16	J		
82. -AMKR(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	09/26/16	J		
83. -AMKR common		None			Sold	12/02/16	J	A	
84. -BGC(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	12/12/16	J		
85. -BREW(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	12/28/16	J		

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86. -PLAY(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	07/12/16	J		
87. -PLAY common		None			Sold	08/03/16	J		
88. -EXAS(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	07/05/16	J		
89. -EXAS common		None			Sold	07/29/16	J	A	
90. -FNSR(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	10/17/16	J		
91. -FNSR common		None			Sold	11/01/16	J		
92. -FSM(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	07/08/16	J		
93. -FSM common		None			Sold	09/28/16	J		
94. -ITW(x) common	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	06/22/16	J		
95. -ITW common	A	Dividend			Sold	06/28/16	J		
96. -LNTH(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	10/26/16	J		
97. -NMKTD(x) common	A	Distribution	J	T	Distributed (part)	08/02/16	J	A	
98. -NMKTD common		None			Sold	12/23/16	J		
99. -MEET(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	08/03/16	J		
100. -MEET common		None			Sold	08/16/16	J		
101. -NSU(x) common	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	08/02/16	J		
102. -NSU common	A	Dividend			Sold	10/05/16	J		

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103. -PF(x) common	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	08/16/16	J		
104. -PF common	A	Dividend			Sold	11/14/16	J		
105. -PTLA(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	08/17/16	J		
106. -PTLA common		None			Sold	10/20/16	J		
107. -QGEN(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	10/04/16	J		
108. -QGEN common		None			Sold	10/26/16	J		
109. -STI(x) common	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	11/02/16	J		
110. -STX(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	12/01/16	J		
111. -TX(x) ADR		None	J	T	Buy	07/19/16	J		
112. -TX ADR		None			Sold	09/14/16	J		
113. -TSLA(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	08/10/16	J		
114. -TSLA common		None			Sold	09/02/16	J		
115. -TSCO(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	06/24/16	J		
116. -TSCO common		None			Sold	07/22/16	J	A	
117. -USPH(x) common	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	08/04/16	J		
118. -USPH common	A	Dividend			Sold	11/01/16	J		
119. -WYNN(x) common		None	J	T	Buy	11/16/16	J		

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2. Value Codes (See Columns C1 and D3)	J ~\$15,000 or less N ~\$250,001 - \$500,000 P3 ~\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	K ~\$15,001 - \$50,000 O ~\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	L ~\$50,001 - \$100,000 P1 ~\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 P4 ~More than \$50,000,000	M ~\$100,001 - \$250,000 P2 ~\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	
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VII. INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions (Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 34-60 of filing instructions.)

☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions.)

A. Description of Assets (including trust assets) Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure	B. Income during reporting period		C. Gross value at end of reporting period		D. Transactions during reporting period				
	(1) Amount Code 1 (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g., div., rent, or int.)	(1) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(2) Value Method Code 3 (Q-W)	(1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, redemption)	(2) Date mm/dd/yy	(3) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code 1 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
120. -WYNN common		None			Sold	12/09/16	J	A	
121. -Kirkland Lake Gold COM NPV ISIN(x) common	A	Distribution	J	T	Spinoff (from line 97)	12/06/16	J		
122. -Kirkland Lake Gold COM NPV ISIN		None			Distributed (part)	12/13/16	J	A	
123. -Kirkland Lake Gold COM NPV ISIN common		None			Sold	12/29/16	J		
124. Raycom Media, Inc 401(k) (x)	A	Int./Div.	L	T					
125. Vanguard Total Bond Market Index I (x)		None	J	T					
126. Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv (x)		None	J	T					
127. Sentinel Small Company I (x)		None	K	T					
128. Vanguard Equity Income Adm (x)		None	J	T					
129. Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Instl (x)		None	J	T					
130. Victory Sycamore Small Co Opportunity I (x)		None	J	T					
131. WF/BlackRock S&P 500 Index CIT N (x)		None	J	T					
132. WF/BlackRock Intl Eq Index CIT N (x)		None	J	T					

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VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS. *(Indicate part of report.)*

Part VII:

Line 64 - LINC became bankrupt in 2016 but is still listed in my account at 0.00 value.

Line 121 - NMKTD (Line 97), following a reverse split and merger, became Kirkland Lake Gold Com NPV ISIN (Line 123). This resulted in (1) distribution of cash in lieu of shares (shown in Line 122) and (2) stock (shown in Line 123). The cash in lieu of shares was a net loss.

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IX. CERTIFICATION.

I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that earned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. app. § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353, and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature: s/ Willie L. Sands

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