

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

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) Higginson, Stephen A.	2. Court or Organization United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit	3. Date of Report 05/15/2016
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) United States Circuit Judge Active Status	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☐ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015
7. Chambers or Office Address 600 Camp Street Room 300 New Orleans, LA 70130		
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.)

POSITION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY

1. Board Member	Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

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

☐ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

DATE

PARTIES AND TERMS

1. 2015	TIAA-CREF Retirement Plan through former employer -- law school, no control
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. 2015	Eskew, Dumez & Ripple
2.	
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. Texas Bar Association	1/13-14/2015	Austin, TX	Speaker at CLE Event	Airfare, Hotel, Meals, Taxi
2. Columbia Law School Chapter of American Constitution Society for Law & Policy (ACS)	4/21-22/2015	Columbia Law School, New York, NY	Speaker at Meeting with Students	Airfare, Hotel, Meals, Taxi
3. Federalist Society	5/6-7/2015	University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	Speaker at Federalist Society Meeting	Airfare, Hotel, Meals, Taxi
4. Houston Bar Association	6/11/2015	Houston, TX	Panelist at HBA Monthly Meeting and CLE	Airfare, Meals, Taxi

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5.	American Society of International Law	11/19-20/2015	Washington, DC	Attend Judicial Advisory Bd Mtg; report on 5th Cir. Cases of Intern'l Interest	Airfare, Hotel, Meals, Taxi
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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.			
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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.	Harvard University	Tuition	L
2.			
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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 I (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)

1. Regions Bank Account	A	Int./Div.	K	T					
2. LA Start Savings Program Accounts; Louisiana Principal Protection Fund	B	Int./Div.	M	T					
3. Merrill Lynch Cash Money Account	A	Int./Div.	K	T					
4. Black Rock Balanced Mutual Fund	A	Int./Div.	K	T					
5. Judicial & Justice Federal Credit Union	A	Int./Div.	J	T					
6. TIAA-Cref Retirement Account		None	M	T					
7. TIAA-Cref Retirement Account		None	M	T					
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1. Income Gain Codes:	A = \$1,000 or less	B = \$1,001 - \$2,500	C = \$2,501 - \$5,000	D = \$5,001 - \$15,000	E = \$15,001 - \$50,000
(See Columns B1 and D4)	F = \$50,001 - \$100,000	G = \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	H1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	H2 = More than \$5,000,000	
2. Value Codes	J = \$15,000 or less	K = \$15,001 - \$50,000	L = \$50,001 - \$100,000	M = \$100,001 - \$250,000	
(See Columns C1 and D3)	N = \$250,001 - \$500,000	O = \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	P1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	P2 = \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	
3. Value Method Codes	P3 = \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	R = Cost (Real Estate Only)	P4 = More than \$50,000,000	S = Assessment	T = Cash Market
(See Column C2)	Q = Appraisal	V = Other	W = Estimated		
	U = Book Value				

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

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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/ **Stephen A. Higginson**

NOTE: ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FALSIFIES OR FAILS TO FILE THIS REPORT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS (5 U.S.C. app. § 104)

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