

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) Nowak, Christine A.	2. Court or Organization United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas	3. Date of Report 10/12/2016
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Full-Time United States Magistrate Judge	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☒ Amended Report ☐ Date ☐ Final	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015
7. Chambers or Office Address United States Courthouse Annex 200 North Travis Street Sherman, TX 75090		
IMPORTANT NOTES: <i>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>		

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. Participating Member	Dykema Cox Smith, PLLC (former law firm)
2. Board Member at Large	Dallas Women Lawyers Association (non-profit)
3. Board Member at Large	Collin County Women Lawyers Association (non-profit)
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. 2008	KL Gates 401K Savings and Retirement Plan (former law firm, no control)
2. 2010	Dykema Cox Smith 401K Savings and Investment Plan (former law firm, no control -rollover to TSP requested and made in August 2015; account no longer exists)
3. 06/19/2015	Departure Agreement with Dykema Cox Smith (agreement with former law firm re: return of capital and withdrawal of participation in payments/benefits)

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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. 2015	Dykema Cox Smith - Salary	\$132,725.45
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	Henley & Henley- Salary
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.				
2.				
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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.	Eastern District of Texas Bar Association	Contribution toward cost of reception for the occasion of judge's investiture	\$1,429.63
2.	Dykema Cox Smith (former law firm)	Contribution toward cost of reception for the occasion of judge's investiture	\$1,310.55
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.	ACS	Student Loan	K
2.	AES	Student Loan	K
3.			
4.			
5.			

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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)
1. USAA Account	A	Interest	K	T					
2. USAA CD	A	Interest	J	T					
3. Texas Tuition Promise Fund (prepaid tuition plan)		None	K	T					
4. Dallas County Pension Plan (not self directed)	A	Dividend	K	T					
5. KL Gates 401K Savings & Investment Plan									
6. - Hancock Horizon Diversified Int'l	A	Dividend	J	T					
7. - Nuveen Real Estate I	A	Dividend	J	T					
8. - Vanguard Growth Index Institution	A	Dividend	M	T					
9. Dykema 401K Savings & Investment Plan									
10. - Fidelity Blue Chip Growth K	A	Dividend			Sold	08/11/15	K		
11. - Fidelity Capital & Income	A	Dividend			Sold	08/11/15	K		
12. - Fidelity ContraFund K	A	Dividend			Sold	08/11/15	K		
13. - Fidelity Low Priced Stock K	A	Dividend			Sold	08/11/15	K		
14. - TRowe Price Retirement 2040	A	Dividend			Sold	08/11/15	K		
15. Dallas County 457(b)									
16. - American Century Growth Fund	A	Dividend	K	T					
17. - Neuberger Berman Equity Trust- Genesis Fund	A	Dividend	K	T					

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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 \$5,000,000	M = \$100,001 - \$250,000 P2 = \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	
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18. - Pimco Total Return Fund	A	Dividend	J	T					
19. - TRowe Price Growth Stock	A	Dividend	J	T					
20. - Wells Fargo Advantage	A	Dividend	K	T					
21. - Discovery Fund Admin. Class	A	Dividend	J	T					
22. Henley & Henley 401K Savings & Investment Plan									
23. - Voya Small Cap Index Equity Fund 361657	A	Dividend	J	T					
24. USAA IRA									
25. - V.F. Corp.	A	Dividend	J	T					
26. - Proctor & Gamble Company	A	Dividend	J	T					
27. - Johnson & Johnson	A	Dividend	J	T					
28. - Ford Motor Co.	A	Dividend	J	T					
29. - Fluor Corp New	A	Dividend	J	T					
30. - Estee Lauder Companies	A	Dividend	J	T					
31. - Caterpillar Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T					
32. - Big Lots Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T					
33. - Baxter Int'l	A	Dividend	J	T					
34. - Abbvie Inc. Com	A	Dividend	J	T					

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35. - Abbott Laboratories	A	Dividend	J	T					
36. USAA IRA									
37. - VISA Inc. CL A	A	Dividend	J	T					
38. - Microsoft Corp.	A	Dividend	J	T					
39. - MGM Mirage Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T					
40. - Intel Corporation	A	Dividend	J	T					
41. - Ford Motor Co.	A	Dividend	J	T					
42. - Fitbit Inc. CL A	A	Dividend	J	T					
43. - Columbia Thermostat A	A	Dividend	J	T					
44. - Bank America Corp. Com	A	Dividend			Sold	10/30/15	J	A	N/A
45. Knights of Columbus Whole Life Insurance Policy	A	Int./Div.	K	T					
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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/ Christine A. Nowak**

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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