

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) Bivins, Sonja F.	2. Court or Organization Southern District of Alabama	3. Date of Report 05/05/2017
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Magistrate Judge, Full-Time	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 113 St. Joseph St. Mobile, AL 36602		
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. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
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.)*DATESOURCE AND TYPEINCOME
(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.)*DATESOURCE AND TYPE

1. _____

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.)*SOURCEDATESLOCATIONPURPOSEITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED

1. Mobile Bar Association

12-2-2016 to
12-3-2016

Point Clear, Alabama

Bench and Bar Meeting

Hotel

2. Just the Beginning
Foundation9-16-2016 to
9-18-2016

New York, NY

Judges Meeting

Hotel and Meals

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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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.		
2.		
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. (H) Ameriprise Brokerage Account, IRA									
2. -Money Market and Cash	A	Interest	J	T					
3. -(H) Mutual Funds									
4. --COL Cont Core - A f/k/a RVS Fundamental Value - A	A	Dividend	J	T					
5. --COL High Yeild Bond - A f/k/a RVS High Yield Bond - A	A	Dividend			Sold	01/15/16	J	A	
6. --COL Acorn Intl - A f/k/a RVS International Aggregate Growth - A	A	Dividend	J	T					
7. --COL Overseas Value Val - A f/k/a COL MultAdv Intl Val - A	A	Dividend			Sold	01/15/16	J	A	
8. --COL Mid Cap Val OPP - f/k/a RVS Mid Cap Value - A	A	Dividend			Sold	01/15/16	J	A	
9. --COL Mult ADV S/CP Val - A f/k/a RVS Small Cap Value - A	A	Dividend			Sold	01/15/16	J	A	
10. --COL Real Estate - A f/k/a RVS Real Estate - A	A	Dividend	J	T					
11. --COL Large Core Quant - A f/k/a RVS Discpd Equity - A	A	Dividend			Sold	01/15/16	J	A	
12. -(H) Equities									
13. --IndexIQ Merger Arbitrage ETF	A	Dividend	J	T					
14. --Barclays Capital Convertible ETF	A	Dividend	J	T					
15. Army Aviation Federal Credit Union	A	Interest	J	T					
16. Wells Fargo Bank	A	Interest	J	T					
17. Regions Bank	A	Interest	M	T					

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		P4 = More than \$50,000,000		
(See Column C2)	Q = Appraisal	R = Cost (Real Estate Only)	S = Assessment	T = Cash Market	
	U = Book Value	V = Other	W = Estimated		

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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/ Sonja F. Bivins

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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