

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

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) Schneider, Michael H.	2. Court or Organization Eastern District of Texas	3. Date of Report 04/30/2015
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) US District Judge - Active	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☐ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014
7. Chambers or Office Address William M. Steger Federal Bldg. & US Courthouse 221 W Ferguson Room 100 Tyler, TX 78702		
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.		
2.		
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II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of filing instructions.)

☐ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

DATE

PARTIES AND TERMS

1. 09/1990	Judicial Retirement System of Texas. Began employment September 1990. Pension began September 2004.
2. 09/1990	Harris County Retirement System of Harris County, Texas. Now eligible, no pension payments drawn during reporting period.
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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. 2014	Judicial Retirement System of Texas (Pension)	\$77,550.00
2.		
3.		
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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. 2014	Self Employed (Government Relations Consultant)
2. 2014	Employees Retirement System of Texas
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. Houston Intellectual Property Law Association (HIPLA)	October 9-10, 2014	Galveston, TX	speaker at HIPLA Institute on Intellectual Property Law conference	Lodging, meals
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.)*SOURCEDESCRIPTIONVALUE

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

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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. Bank of America Accounts	A	Interest	M	T					
2. Bank of America IRA		None			Distributed	02/06/14	K		
3. Bank of America CD	A	Interest	K	T					
4. Wells Fargo Advantage DJ Target Today I		None			Distributed	01/08/14	J		
5. Lord Abbett Small Cap Value I		None			Distributed	01/08/14	K		
6. First Eagle Fund of America Y		None			Distributed	01/08/14	J		
7. Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Plus		None			Distributed	01/08/14	J		
8. BlackRock Bond Index Fund		None			Distributed	01/08/14	J		
9. Merrill Lynch cash accounts		None			Distributed	02/25/14	J		
10. ADT Corp (ADT)		None			Distributed	02/25/14	J		
11. CovidienPLC (COV)	A	Dividend			Distributed	02/25/14	J	A	
12. Pentair LTD (PNR)	A	Dividend			Distributed	02/25/14	J	A	
13. TE Connectivity Ltd (TEL)	A	Dividend			Distributed	02/25/14	J	A	
14. Tyco International Ltd (TYC)	A	Dividend			Distributed	02/25/14	J	A	
15. BlackRock US Government Bond Inv A (CIGAX)	A	Dividend			Distributed	02/25/14	K	A	
16. VantageTrust PLUS Fund		None			Distributed	01/03/14	K		
17. Mallinckrodt PLC SHS	A	Dividend			Distributed	02/25/14	J	A	

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	
	P3 = \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000		P4 = More than \$50,000,000		
3. Value Method Codes	Q = Appraisal	R = Cost (Real Estate Only)	S = Assessment	T = Cash Market	
(See Column C2)	U = Book Value	V = Other	W = Estimated		

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

As noted in Part VII, the distributed investments were transferred into a Thrift Savings Plan account during 2014.

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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/ **Michael H. Schneider**

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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