

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) Benitez, Roger T.	2. Court or Organization U. S. District Court, Southern District of California	3. Date of Report 05/04/2016
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) District Judge, Active	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 221 West Broadway San Diego, California 92101		
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. Board of Trustees	Thomas Jefferson School of Law
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. 2015

California State Teachers Retirement

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. _____

2. _____

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.	JP Chase Morgan Mortgage	Mortgage	N
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

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1. Parcel 4 Salton City, Ca		None	J	W					
2. Parcel 5 San Diego, CA	E	Rent	N	W					
3. Note (X)- Steve and Anna Seibert	E	Interest	M	T					
4. Northern Life Annuity/ING now VOYA TSA group	B	Interest	L	T					
5. Brokerage account-- MSSB--- (H)---									
6. investment account- Morgan Stanley Private Bank	A	Interest	M	T					
7. Citibank- Bank Deposit Program	A	Interest	K	T					
8. Automatic Data Processing ADP-common stock	A	Dividend			Sold	08/24/15	K	D	
9. Berkshire Hathaway B-BRKB-common stock		None			Sold	08/24/15	K	D	
10. General Electric- GE-common stock	A	Dividend			Sold	08/24/15	K	A	
11. Duke Energy DUK-FKA Progress Energy- common stock	A	Dividend			Sold	12/03/15	K	B	
12. At&t (T)	A	Dividend	J	T					
13. Annaly Capital --NLY	A	Dividend	J	T					
14. Apple-common stock-AAPL	A	Dividend			Sold	08/24/15	K	E	
15.			J	T	Buy	12/15/15	J		
16. Royal Bank of Scotland-Preferred Stock- RBSM	A	Dividend			Redeemed	09/01/15	J	B	
17. Qwest Corp Preferential Rate- preferred stock-cty	A	Dividend	J	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	
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18. General Motors Corporation --common stock GM	A	Dividend			Sold	06/29/15	J	A	
19. Blackberry Limited---common stock BBRY		None			Sold	03/30/15	J	A	
20. Walt Disney Holding Company--common stock DIS	A	Dividend			Sold	08/25/15	J	B	
21. Whole Foods Markets--common stock WFM	A	Dividend			Sold	08/18/15	J	A	
22. Facebook Inc CLA--common stock FB		None			Sold	08/24/15	J	A	
23. Google Inc CLC--common stock GOOGname change Alphabet Inc		None	K	T					
24. Baker Hughes Corp- common stock BHI	A	Dividend			Buy	01/05/15	J		
25.					Sold	07/22/15	J	A	
26. Haliburton Co. common stock HAL	A	Dividend			Buy	01/05/15	J		
27.					Sold	08/21/15	J	A	
28. Qualcomm Inc. common stock QCOM	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	12/16/15	J		
29. Dow Chemical common stock DOW	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	12/15/15	J		
30. Fitbit Inc. common stock FIT		None	J	T	Buy	08/19/15	J		
31. Brokerage account-- (H) E-Trade									
32. Extended insurance sweep deposit account (X)	A	None	J	T					
33. Linn Energy LLC-- LINE (Y)									
34. Stag Industrial --(STAG)	A	Dividend	J	T					

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35. Columbia Strategic Fund Income Class A-- (COSIX)	A	Dividend			Sold	03/13/15	J	B	
36. Miller Energy Resources-- Fixed SER D-- MILL	B	Dividend	J	T					
37. Orchid Island Capital Inc.--common stock-- ORC	B	Dividend	J	T					
38. SPDR Gold Trust--GLD-- --common		None	J	T					
39.					Sold	03/05/15	J	A	
40.					Buy	04/29/15	J		
41.					Sold	06/24/15	J	A	
42.		None	J	T	Buy	10/26/15	J		
43. Facebook-common stock--FB		None			Sold	07/06/15	J	A	
44. Continental Resources---common CLR		None			Sold	03/13/15	J	A	
45. Walmart Corp- common stock WMT	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	10/26/15	J		
46. Amirin Pharmaceutical common stock AMRN		None	J	T	Buy	02/08/15	J		
47.					Sold	02/26/15	J	A	
48.					Buy	03/10/15	J		
49.					Sold	03/16/15	J	A	
50.					Buy	03/24/15	J		
51. Whole Foods---common stock-WFM		None			Buy	02/17/15	J		

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52.					Sold	03/03/15	J	A	
53. Chevron Corporation -common stock- CVX	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	06/16/15	J		
54.					Sold	07/06/15	J	A	
55.					Buy	07/28/15	J		
56.					Sold (part)	08/13/15	J	A	
57.					Buy	09/02/15	J		
58. Valero Oil Partners--common stock--elro	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	03/18/15	J		
59. North American Resources-- common stock--IGE		None			Buy	06/26/15	J		
60.					Sold	09/02/15	J	A	
61. Esperion Therapeutics--common stock-- ESPR		None			Buy	03/19/15	J		
62.					Sold	03/20/15	J	A	
63. Valic---(H)									
64. Valic Fixed Account Plus	A	Dividend	J	T					
65. Valic Midcap Strat. GR./Morgan Stanley	A	Dividend	J	T					
66. AIG Valic Mid Cap Fund (Wellington)	A	Dividend	K	T					
67. Valic Small Cap Special Value-Evergreen/ Putnam	A	Dividend	K	T					
68. Valic International Small Cap Equity/ AIG	A	Dividend	J	T					

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69. Washington Mutual-(now Chase Bank-) aggregate	B	Interest	N	T					
70. San Diego County Credit Union aggregate	A	Interest	M	T					
71. Bank of America aggregate	A	Interest	J	T					
72. Brokerage Account Scottrade - (H)									
73. American Airlines- common stock					Sold (part)	03/20/15	J	C	
74.					Sold	06/24/15	J	C	
75. SPDR Gold Trust- GLD		None	J	T	Buy	02/02/15	J		
76. Chevron Corporation---common stock-- CVX	A	Dividend			Buy (add'l)	02/04/15	J		
77.					Sold	07/06/15	J	A	
78. Facebook Inc-- CLA common stock FB		None			Sold	01/16/15	J	A	
79. Target Corporation --common stock TGT		None			Sold	02/03/15	J	A	
80. Amarin Pharmaceutical--common stock-- AMRN		None	J	T	Buy	02/06/15	J		
81. Netflix--common stock--NFLX		None	J	T	Buy	08/18/15	J		
82. General Electric Company--common stock-- GE	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	09/08/15	J		
83. General Motors Corporation--common stock--GM	A	Dividend			Buy	03/18/15	J		
84.					Sold	07/06/15	J	A	
85. California State Employee 401K-Savings Plus MidCap Fund	A	Dividend	J	T					

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86. Trust- - - (H)									
87. --Wells Fargo- aggregate	B	Interest	M	T					
88. --Parcel 6- San Diego, CA	E	Rent	M	W					

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

Line 33 was intentionally left blank. I sold my stock in Linn Energy (LINE) in March of 2014 but I did not pick up the sale in last year's report. The value of the stock was more than \$15,000 but less than \$50,000. There was no gain on the sale.

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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/ Roger T. Benitez

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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