

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

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) CHESLER, STANLEY R.	2. Court or Organization UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	3. Date of Report 05/02/2018
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☐ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017
7. Chambers or Office Address FRANK R. LAUTENBERG U.S. COURTHOUSE & POST OFFICE BUILDING 2 FEDERAL SQUARE NEWARK, NJ 07101		
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.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

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

☒ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

DATE

PARTIES AND TERMS

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.)*

DATE

SOURCE AND TYPE

INCOME
(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.)*

DATE

SOURCE 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.)*

SOURCE

DATES

LOCATION

PURPOSE

ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED

1. American Conference
Institute

October 2-3, 2017

Chicago, IL

Educational program

Travel and lodging

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.)*SOURCEDESCRIPTIONVALUE

1.

2.

3.

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5.

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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2.

3.

4.

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1. Wells Fargo Midcap Fund	A	Distribution	K	T					
2. Bank of America	A	Interest	J	T					
3. Port Authority Bond	A	Interest			Redeemed	07/13/17	J	A	
4. Black Rock S& P 500 Index Fund	A	Dividend			Sold	10/19/17	K	E	
5. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund	C	Dividend	J	T	Buy	01/01/17	J		
6.					Buy (add'l)	02/01/17	J		
7.					Buy (add'l)	03/01/17	J		
8.					Buy (add'l)	04/01/17	J		
9.					Buy (add'l)	05/01/17	J		
10.					Buy (add'l)	06/01/17	J		
11.					Buy (add'l)	07/01/17	J		
12.					Buy (add'l)	08/01/17	J		
13.					Buy (add'l)	09/01/17	J		
14.					Buy (add'l)	10/01/17	J		
15.					Sold (part)	10/19/17	L	E	
16.					Buy (add'l)	11/01/17	J		
17.					Buy (add'l)	12/01/17	J		

1. Income Gain Codes: (See Columns B1 and D4)	A = \$1,000 or less F = \$50,001 - \$100,000	B = \$1,001 - \$2,500 G = \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	C = \$2,501 - \$5,000 H1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	D = \$5,001 - \$15,000 H2 = More than \$5,000,000	E = \$15,001 - \$50,000
2. Value Codes (See Columns C1 and D3)	J = \$15,000 or less N = \$250,001 - \$500,000 P3 = \$250,000.01 - \$500,000.00	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 \$5,000,000.00	M = \$100,001 - \$250,000 P2 = \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	
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18. Fidelity N.J. Muni Money Market Fund	A	Dividend	J	T					
19. NJ State Ed FACS Bond	A	Interest			Redeemed	07/03/17	K	A	
20. NJ State Ed FACS Bond	C	Interest			Redeemed	07/03/17	L	A	
21. Livingston School Dist. Bond	A	Interest			Redeemed	07/17/17	J	A	
22. NJ Trans TR Bond	C	Interest	K	T					
23. Bergen County Util. Authority Bond	B	Interest	L	T					
24. Merrill Lynch CMA NJ Muni Market	A	Dividend	J	T					
25. NJ State Bond	A	Interest			Redeemed	06/01/17	J	A	
26. Puerto Rico Power Authority Bond	A	Interest			Sold	12/12/17	J	A	
27. NJ Transit Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
28. California State Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
29. California State Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
30. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	A	Interest			Redeemed	08/15/17	K	A	
31. Bayonne NJ Gen. Improvement Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
32. FIA Card Services RASP	A	Interest	K	T					
33. NJ State Trans. Bond	B	Interest	L	T					
34. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	A	Interest	J	T					

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35. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	B	Interest	L	T					
36. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
37. Triboro B & T Authority Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
38. CIT Bank	C	Interest	M	T					
39. Edison Township Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
40. Edison Township Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
41. NJ State Trans. Auth. Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
42. NJ State Trans. Auth. Bond	B	Interest	J	T					
43. NJ Econ. Development Auth. Bd.	A	Interest	J	T					
44. NJ Trans. Auth. Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
45. Autonation Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
46. Celgene Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
47. Kinder Morgan Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
48. McKesson Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
49. Quest Bond	A	Interest			Redeemed	04/17/17	J	A	
50. Thermo Fisher Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
51. Verizon Bond	A	Interest	K	T					

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52. American Express Saving Bank	C	Interest			Redeemed	07/17/17	M	A	
53. American Express Centen	A	Interest			Redeemed	07/17/17	L	A	
54. Spartan 500 Index Fund	D	Dividend	N	T					
55. Synchrony Bank	B	Interest	N	T					
56. Live Oak Bank	B	Interest	M	T					
57. Ally Bank	A	Interest	K	T					
58. NJ State Trans Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
59. NJ Economic Dev Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
60. NJ State Trans Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
61. NJ Economic Dev Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
62. NJ Economic Dev Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
63. Bank of China	A	Interest	M	T	Open	07/06/17	M		
64. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	A	Interest	J	T	Buy	07/13/17	J		
65. Morgan Stanley Bank	A	Interest	L	T	Open	07/25/17	L		
66. Bank of China	C	Interest	M	T	Open	08/02/17	M		
67. New York Community Bank	A	Interest	K	T	Open	08/18/17	K		
68. Bank of Baroda	A	Interest	K	T	Open	08/31/17	K		

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69. NJ Economic Development Bond	A	Interest	K	T	Buy	10/24/17	K		
70. NY Muni Water Authority Bond	A	Interest	K	T	Buy	11/29/17	K		
71. NY MTA Bond	A	Interest	L	T	Buy	12/19/17	L		

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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/ STANLEY R. CHESLER**

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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