

# FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

Report Required by the Ethics  
in Government Act of 1978  
(5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

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| <b>1. Person Reporting</b> (last name, first, middle initial)<br><br>Epps, Brian K.                                                                                                                       | <b>2. Court or Organization</b><br><br>U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>3. Date of Report</b><br><br>07/07/2016                       |
| <b>4. Title</b> (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)<br><br>U.S. Magistrate Judge - Full Time                                             | <b>5a. Report Type</b> (check appropriate type)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> Date<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final<br><b>5b.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Report | <b>6. Reporting Period</b><br><br>01/01/2015<br>to<br>12/31/2015 |
| <b>7. Chambers or Office Address</b><br><br>U.S. Courthouse<br>600 James Brown Boulevard<br>Augusta, Georgia 30903                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |
| <p align="center"><b>IMPORTANT NOTES:</b> The instructions accompanying this form must be followed. Complete all parts, checking the NONE box for each part where you have no reportable information.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |

## 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. | Director        | Shepard Community Blood Center     |
| 2. | Director        | Vertical Theatre, Inc.             |
| 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

self-employed home rental company (sole member of Pink Properties, LLC d/b/a The Swank Company)

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. | Westminster Schools of Augusta | Private School     | J                 |
| 2. | Queensborough National Bank    | Line of Credit     | J                 |
| 3. | Athens First Bank and Trust    | Line of Credit     | L                 |
| 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.<br>Description of Assets<br>(including trust assets)<br><br>Place "(X)" after each asset<br>exempt from prior disclosure | B.<br>Income during<br>reporting period |                                               | C.<br>Gross value at end<br>of reporting period |                                           | D.<br>Transactions during reporting period      |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                             | (1)<br>Amount<br>Code 1<br>(A-H)        | (2)<br>Type (e.g.,<br>div., rent,<br>or int.) | (1)<br>Value<br>Code 2<br>(J-P)                 | (2)<br>Value<br>Method<br>Code 3<br>(Q-W) | (1)<br>Type (e.g.,<br>buy, sell,<br>redemption) | (2)<br>Date<br>mm/dd/yy | (3)<br>Value<br>Code 2<br>(J-P) | (4)<br>Gain<br>Code 1<br>(A-H) | (5)<br>Identity of<br>buyer/seller<br>(if private<br>transaction) |

|                                                    |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------|---|----------|---|---|----------------|----------|---|--|--|
| 1. Fidelity IRA                                    | A | Dividend | K | T | Sold<br>(part) | 01/15/15 | K |  |  |
| 2. - Fidelity Freedom 2040                         |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 3. Queensborough National Bank Checking<br>Account | A | Interest | J | T |                |          |   |  |  |
| 4.                                                 |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 5.                                                 |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 6.                                                 |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 7.                                                 |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 8.                                                 |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 9.                                                 |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 10.                                                |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 11.                                                |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 12.                                                |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 13.                                                |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 14.                                                |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 15.                                                |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 16.                                                |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |
| 17.                                                |   |          |   |   |                |          |   |  |  |

|                         |                                 |                             |                               |                                |                        |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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/ **Brian K. Epps**

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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