

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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) Counts,III, Walter D.	2. Court or Organization U.S.D.C. Western District, TX	3. Date of Report 04/14/2020
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) U.S. District Judge - Active	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019
	5b. ☐ Amended Report	
7. Chambers or Office Address U.S. Courthouse 200 East Wall Street Midland, Texas 79701		
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. Director	Pepper-Counts Foundation, Knox City, Tx (non-profit)
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. 1987	Texas County & District Retirement Systems, Austin, Tx (Defined Benefit Plan) - no control
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

[X] 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.)

[X] 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.)

[X] NONE (No reportable reimbursements.)

SOURCE	DATES	LOCATION	PURPOSE	ITEMS 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.)

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
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.)

CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

VII. INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions (Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 34-60 of filing instructions.)

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 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)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Amount Code 1 (A-H)	Type (e g , div , rent, or int)	Value Code 2 (J-P)	Value Method Code 3 (Q-W)	Type (e g , buy, sell, redemption)	Date mm/dd/yy	Value Code 2 (J-P)	Gain Code 1 (A-H)	Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
1. Resolution Life (Whole Life)	A	Int./Div.			Sold	01/16/19	J	A	
2. Bank of America (Cash)	A	Interest	N	T					
3. LPL Financial, Strategic Asset Managed Acct: Equity Income	A	Dividend			Sold	06/27/19	M	A	
4. First Trust Cyclical Strength 22 -FCARLX	A	Dividend			Sold	06/27/19	L	A	
5. Nationwide Highmark Funds (Bond Class A - fixed)	A	Dividend	J	T					
6. IRA									
7. - Blackrock Equity Dividend FD Cl C	A	Dividend	K	T					
8. - Invesco Int'l Growth A	A	Dividend	J	T					
9. - Deutsche Value Ser Inc Small Cap Value Fd Cl C	A	Dividend	J	T					
10. - Hartford Mutual Midcap Cl C	A	Dividend	J	T					
11. - Wells Fargo 100% Treasury Money Mkt (cash sweep)	A	Interest	J	T					
12. Empower Retirement (Def'd Comp)									
13. - Putnam Stable Value Fund: 45bps	A	Dividend	K	T					
14. - Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm	B	Dividend	K	T					
15. Rent House (Abilene, Taylor County, Texas)	C	Rent	L	W					
16. Rent House (Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas)	D	Rent	L	W					
17.									

1 Income Gain Codes:

(See Columns B1 and D4)

2 Value Codes

(See Columns C1 and D3)

3 Value Method Codes

(See Column C2)

A =\$1,000 or less

F =\$50,001 - \$100,000

J =\$15,000 or less

N =\$250,001 - \$500,000

P3 =\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000

Q =Appraisal

U =Book Value

B =\$1,001 - \$2,500

G =\$100,001 - \$1,000,000

K =\$15,001 - \$50,000

O =\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

R =Cost (Real Estate Only)

V =Other

C =\$2,501 - \$5,000

H1 =\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

L =\$50,001 - \$100,000

P1 =\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

P4 =More than \$50,000,000

S =Assessment

W =Estimated

D =\$5,001 - \$15,000

H2 =More than \$5,000,000

M =\$100,001 - \$250,000

P2 =\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000

T =Cash Market

E =\$15,001 - \$50,000

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

II.1. As of termination of employment, neither I nor my former employer contribute to this plan.

VII.4. An oversight by the agent left a residual of \$349.80 from this account at the original sale and was finally sold on 10/7/19 when it was brought to his attention.

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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/ **Walter D. Counts,III**

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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