

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

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) Otero, Samuel J.	2. Court or Organization United States District Court	3. Date of Report 08/27/2019
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 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018
	5b. ☒ Amended Report	
7. Chambers or Office Address 350 West 1st Street Suite 4311, Room 10150 Los Angeles, California 90012		
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 Member/Officer	Judge Michel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court
2. Board Member	Association of Business Trial Lawyers
3. Executor	Family Estate
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. 2003	California Judges Retirement Plan; Pension Upon Retirement, Age 63
2. 1988	Los Angeles Employees Retirement Plan; Pension Upon Retirement, Age 55
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.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>	<u>INCOME</u> (yours, not spouse's)
1. 01/2018	Los Angeles Employee Retirement Pension	\$19,391.00
2. 01/2018	California State Judges Retirement	\$98,039.00
3. 01/2018	Social Security Benefits	\$19,614.00
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.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>
1. 01/2017	Los Angeles Unified School District
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.)*

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED</u>
1.	Association of Business Trial Lawyers	04/13/2018 to 04/15/2018	San Diego, California	ABTL Joint Board Retreat	transportation, lodging, food, registration fee
2.	Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts	08/26/2018 to 08/29/2018	Santa Fe, New Mexico	Retirement and Senior Status Planning Program	transportation, lodging, food
3.	Federal Judicial Center	09/12/2018 to 09/14/2018	Malibu, California	Mediation Skills Workshop	transportation and incidentals
4.	Association of Business Trial Lawyers	10/09/2018 to 10/14/2018	Maui, Hawaii	ABTL Annual Seminar	transportation, lodging, food, registration fee
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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.	Los Angeles IP Inn of Court	Membership	\$850.00
2.	Association of Business Trial Lawyers	Membership	\$95.00
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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.	Wells Fargo	Mortgage (investment property)	O
2.	Union Bank	Mortgage (investment property)	O
3.	U.S. Bank	Mortgage (investment property)	O
4.			
5.			

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)	(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. Aviva Life Insurance Strategy Select	A	Dividend	K	T					
2. Great American Life Insurance (Y)									
3. Ford Motor (X "common" brokerage acct. #2)	A	Dividend	J	T					
4. Chase Bank Account Joint	A	Interest	J	T					
5. L.A. Federal Credit Union Accounts	A	Interest	M	T					
6. California Credit Union	A	Interest	J	T					
7. OPG LLC Edgecliff Real Property (Los Angeles, CA) X	E	Rent	O	W					
8. OPG Holdings LLC Lafayette Real Property (Los Angeles, CA) X	E	Rent	O	W					
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16.									
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.)*

My 2018 report is amended as follows.

Part VII, line 2 listed "Great American Life Insurance." This was a Life Insurance Policy covering my wife when she was employed as a teacher with Los Angeles Unified Schools. My wife has since retired and the Policy is no longer in place. This Policy was incorrectly reported in Part VII.

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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/ Samuel J. Otero

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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