

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

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) Hightower, Susan J.	2. Court or Organization U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas	3. Date of Report 05/14/2021
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Full-Time Magistrate Judge	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☐ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020
7. Chambers or Office Address 501 West 5th St. Suite 6100 Austin, TX 78701		
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. _____	_____
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.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>	<u>INCOME</u> (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.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>
1. 2020	Wages, Texas Tribune Inc.
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.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

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V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 28-31 of filing instructions.)*

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NONE *(No reportable gifts.)*

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1.	Hon. Lee Yeakel Intellectual Property Inn of Court	Honorary Membership (dues)	\$420.00
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 32-33 of filing instructions.)*

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NONE *(No reportable liabilities.)*

	<u>CREDITOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE CODE</u>
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.)

☐ 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. Frost Bank cash accounts	A	Interest	M	T					
2. Vanguard Federal Money Mkt Fund	A	Dividend	L	T					
3. Vanguard Intl Growth Fund Investor Cl	B	Dividend	L	T					
4. Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund Admiral Cl	D	Dividend	M	T					
5. Vanguard Value Index Fund Admiral Cl	B	Dividend	L	T					
6. Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Cl	D	Dividend	M	T					
7. Vanguard Wellington Fund Investor	B	Dividend	J	T					
8.									
9.									
10.									
11.									
12.									
13.									
14.									
15.									
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.)*

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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/ **Susan J. Hightower**

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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