

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT
FINAL FILING

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) SPARKS, SAM	2. Court or Organization DISTRICT COURTS--Texas Western	3. Date of Report 11/01/2020
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) SENIOR ARTICLE III JUDGE	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☐ Annual ☒ Final	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2020 to 09/30/2020
	5b. ☐ Amended Report	
7. Chambers or Office Address United States Courthouse 501 W. Fifth Street, Suite 4120 Austin, Texas 78701-3822		
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

[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.				
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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.		
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1. CASH ACCOUNTS (H)									
2. American Bank of Commerce	A	Interest	N	T					
3. Chase Bank of Texas Accounts	A	Interest	M	T					
4. ML Bank Deposit Program	C	Interest	P1	T					
5. Frost Bank	A	Interest	N	T					
6. Preferred Deposit Money Market	A	Interest	M	T					
7.									
8. STOCKS (H)									
9. AIPS Alerian MLP ETF	B	Dividend	L	T					
10. Blackrock Cap Allocation Tr	A	Dividend	L	T	Buy	09/24/20	L		
11. California Resource	A	Dividend	J	T					
12. Gabelli Preferred SHS	B	Dividend	L	T	Buy	09/24/20	J		
13. Gabelli Preferred SHS	B	Dividend	K	T	Buy	02/25/20	J		
14. Invesco Variable (formerly Powershares Variable Rte Preferred ETF)	D	Dividend	M	T					
15. Morgan Stanley New Money Series A FLT Preferred	D	Dividend	M	T					
16. Occidental Petroleum	A	Dividend	J	T					
17. Royal Dutch Shell PLC	E	Dividend	N	T					

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 =\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	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 \$50,000,000	M =\$100,001 - \$250,000 P2 =\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	
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18. SCE Trust Preferred	A	Dividend			Sold	02/12/20	L	A	
19. Vaneck Vectors Preferred Securities Ex. Financials	A	Dividend	M	T					
20. Vanguard Short-Term Corp Bond	A	Dividend	L	T	Buy	06/01/20	L		
21.									
22. BONDS (H)									
23. Abilene TX CTFS	A	Interest	L	T					
24. Austin TX LTD GO	A	Interest	L	T					
25. Beaumont TX ISD	A	Interest	L	T					
26. Granbury TX ISD	A	Interest	L	T					
27. Jacksonville TX ISD	A	Interest	L	T					
28. La Joya TX ISD	A	Interest	L	T					
29. Lubbock TX CTFS	A	Interest	L	T					
30. Northwest TX ISD GO	A	Interest			Redeemed	02/08/20	K	A	
31. Pearland ISD GO	A	Interest	K	T					
32. US Treasury Note	D	Interest			Redeemed	08/31/20	O	A	
33. US Treasury Note	A	Interest			Redeemed	04/30/20	O	A	
34. US Treasury Note	A	Interest			Redeemed	03/02/20	N	A	

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35.									
36. MERRILL LYNCH IRA (H)									
37. CASH ACCOUNT (H)									
38. Bank of America, NA	A	Interest	K	T					
39.									
40. STOCKS (H)									
41. ALPS Alerian MLPETF	D	Dividend	L	T					
42. American Fundamental Investors	A	Dividend	N	T	Buy	03/19/20	N		
43. American Balance	E	Dividend	O	T	Sold (part)	03/19/20	O	F	
44. Lumen Tech (name change from Century Link Inc SHS)	B	Dividend	L	T					
45. Lumen tech (name change from Century Link Inc SHS)	A	Dividend	J	T					
46. Chevron-Texaco Corp.	D	Dividend	M	T					
47. CVS Health	A	Dividend	L	T	Buy	09/22/20	L		
48. DTE Energy PFD	C	Dividend	L	T					
49. Entergy LA PFD	C	Dividend	L	T					
50. Exxon Mobil Corp	C	Dividend	L	T					
51. Gabelli Preferred Stock	C	Dividend	M	T	Buy	02/12/20	L		

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52. Goldman Sachs Preferred	A	Dividend	L	T	Buy	09/22/20	L		
53. IShares 7-10 ETF	D	Dividend			Sold	03/06/20	N	F	
54. IShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF	B	Dividend			Sold	03/06/20	M	E	
55. Morgan Stanley PFD	C	Dividend	L	T					
56. Nextera Energy PFD	C	Dividend	L	T					
57. Nisourcce Preferred	A	Dividend	L	T	Buy	09/22/20	L		
58. Invesco Variable (formerly Powershares Variable Rte Preferred ETF)	C	Dividend	M	T					
59. Royal Dutch Shell PLC	D	Dividend	L	T					
60. SCE Trust II PDFSTK 05.100% Jan. 1 2049	C	Dividend			Sold	07/12/20	M	A	
61. Vanguard (VCSH)	B	Dividend	L	T					
62. Vanguard (VCIT)	C	Dividend	L	T					
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69. BONDS (H)									
70. US Treasury Note 2%	A	Interest			Redeemed	07/31/20	L	B	
71. US Treasury Note 1.125%	A	Interest			Redeemed	04/30/20	M	A	
72.									
73. MISCELLANEOUS (H)									
74. LRF Limited Pship	A	Royalty	J	W					
75.									
76. ████████ - SEPARATE PROPERTY (H)									
77. EDWARD JONES -- (H)									
78. Am Fund Co. Class A Capital Income Builder Fund	B	Dividend	M	T					
79. Am Fund Co. Class A Growth Fund of Am.	A	Dividend	M	T					
80. Pacific Life Fund Optimization Conservative Class A	B	Dividend	M	T					
81.									
82. BENIFICIARY-CB&T Trustee IRA █████ ██████████	C	Distribution	L	T					
83. American Mutual Fund Inc Class A	A	Dividend	K	T					
84. Bond Fund of American Inc Class A	A	Dividend	K	T					
85. Capital World Growth & Income Class A	A	Dividend	K	T					

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86. Annuity Americal General Polaris II Variable Annuity--B Share	A	Dividend	L	T					
87.									
88. IRA-EDWARD JONES CUSTODIAN (H)									
89. STOCKS (H)									
90. Conagra Foods, Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T					
91. Lamb Weston Holding, Spin-off of Conagra Foods, Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T					
92. Coca-Cola Co.	A	Dividend	J	T					
93. Chevron Corp.	A	Dividend	J	T					
94.									
95. Property-DeBaca Co, New Mexico		None	J	W					
96. Property-Brewster Co, TX		None	J	W					
97. Royalty Interest - Upton Co, TX	A	Royalty	J	W					
98. Royalty Interest - Palo Pinto Co, TX	A	Royalty	J	W					

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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/ SAM SPARKS

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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