

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

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) Merritt, Gilbert S.	2. Court or Organization U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit	3. Date of Report 05/11/2017
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Senior Circuit Judge	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☐ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016
7. Chambers or Office Address 303 Customs House 701 Broadway Nashville, TN 37203		
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. Partner	Southern Properties & Co. (family real estate partnership)
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**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. _____

Unmarried

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.)*SOURCEDESCRIPTIONVALUE

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.)*CREDITORDESCRIPTIONVALUE CODE

1.

2.

3.

4.

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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. 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) Amount Code 1 (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g., div., rent, or int.)	(1) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(2) Value Method Code 3 (Q-W)	(1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, redemption)	(2) Date mm/dd/yy	(3) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code 1 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
1. Southern Properties & Co. (H)									
2. -- Westgate Shopping Center, Nashville, TN	G	Rent	P1	W					
3. -- White Castle, Nashville, TN	E	Rent	P1	W					
4. -- 3 rental houses, Nashville, TN	E	Rent	O	W					
5. -- Cash -- interest bearing, Truxton Trust, Nashville, TN	A	Interest	L	T					
6. Checking acct. SunTrust, Nashville, TN	A	Interest	J	T					
7. Art collection -- paintings		None	M	W					
8. Berkshire Hathaway	A	Dividend	N	T					
9. Heartland Express	A	Dividend	M	T	Sold (part)	12/20/16	J	D	
10. Sysco Corp.	D	Dividend	N	T					
11. Tech Data	A	Dividend	M	T					
12. Truxton Trust checking	A	Interest	L	T					
13. Vanguard Total Stock Mkt ETF	D	Interest	O	T					
14. USG Corp.	C	Dividend	L	T					
15. Truxton Corp..	B	Dividend	L	T					
16. U.S. Treasury Bills (various issues, cumulative values)		None	O	T					
17.		None	J	T	Buy	02/04/16	O		

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.		None	J	T	Buy	03/17/16	N		
19. \		None	J	T	Buy	04/07/16	N		
20.		None	O	T	Buy	08/04/16	O		
21.		None	N	T	Buy	09/15/16	N		
22.		None	N	T	Buy	10/06/16	N		
23.		None	J	T	Redeemed	02/04/16	O	A	
24.		None	J	T	Redeemed	03/17/16	N	A	
25.		None	J	T	Redeemed	04/07/16	L	A	
26.		None	J	T	Redeemed	04/07/16	N	A	
27.		None	J	T	Redeemed	08/04/16	O	A	
28.		None	J	T	Redeemed	09/15/16	N	A	
29.		None	J	T	Redeemed	09/29/16	N	A	
30.		None	J	T	Redeemed	10/06/16	N	A	
31.									

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

VII. Investments and Trusts

Line 16. Treasury bills consolidated for 2016 report.

Note: The Financial Disclosure Report form does not take into account the type of asset a Treasury Bill is. Treasury Bills are different from regular bonds that pay interest. Treasury Bills do not pay interest.

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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/ Gilbert S. Merritt

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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