

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2003

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 5/11/04
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Circuit Judge (senior) U.S. Court of Appeals		5. Report Type (check appropriate type) ____ Nomination, Date _____ ____ Initial ☒ Annual _____ Final		6. Reporting Period 1/01/03 - 12/31/03
7. Chambers or Office Address 303 U.S. Customs House 701 Broadway Nashville, TN 37203		8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____		

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. Sign on last page.

I. POSITIONS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of Instructions.)

POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
☐ NONE (No reportable positions.)	
1 Partner	Southern Properties & Co.
2	(b)(6) real estate partnership
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II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of Instructions.)

DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
☒ NONE (No reportable agreements.)	
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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. (Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of Instructions.)

DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	GROSS INCOME
A. Filer's Non-Investment Income		
☐ NONE (No reportable non-investment income.)		
1 2003	Vanderbilt Univ. Law School -- teaching	\$ 5,000
2		\$
3		\$
B. Spouse's Non-Investment Income - If you were married during any portion of the reporting year, please complete this section. (dollar amount not required except for honoraria)		
☐ NONE (No reportable non-investment income.)		
1 2003	Southern Properties : rent	
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IV. REIMBURSEMENTS - transportation, lodging, food, entertainment. (Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 25-27 of Instructions.)

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
NONE (No such reportable reimbursements.)	
1 Dept. of Justice 2 Baghdad, Iraq	Per diem reimbursement for 41 days as member of delegation to assess legal system and make recommendations 5/4/03--6/30/03
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V. GIFTS. (Includes those to spouse and dependent children. See pp. 28-31 of Instructions.)

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
X NONE (No such reportable gifts.)		
1		\$
2		\$
3		\$
4		\$

VI. LIABILITIES. (Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 32-33 of Instructions.)

CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE*
NONE (No reportable liabilities.)		
1 Union Planters Bank 2 Nashville, TN	Mortgage on Cookeville Commons Shopping Center (See § VII, line 7)	P1
3		
4		
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*Value Codes: J=\$15,000 or less K=\$15,001-\$50,000 L=\$50,001-\$100,000 M=\$100,001-\$250,000
N=\$250,001-\$500,000 O=\$500,001-\$1,000,000 P1=\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000
P2=\$5,000,001-\$25,000,000 P3=\$25,000,001-\$50,000,000 P4=\$50,000,001 or more

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VII. Page 1 INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions (Includes those of spouse and dependent children. See pp. 34-57 of Instructions.)

A. Description of Assets (including trust assets) <i>Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure.</i>	B. Income during reporting period		C. Gross value at end of reporting period		D. Transactions during reporting period				
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	If not exempt from disclosure			
	Amt. Code1 (A-H)	Type (e.g., div., rent or int.)	Value Code2 (J-P)	Value Method Code3 (Q-W)	Type (e.g., buy, sell, merger, redemption)	(2) Date: Month- Day	(3) Value Code2 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code1 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
☐ NONE (No reportable income,									
1 Southern Properties & Co.									
2 (A) Westgate Shopping Ctr.	G	rent	Pl	W					
3 (B) White Castle Nashville, TN	E	rent	N	W					
4 (C) 3 rental houses Nashville, TN	E	rent	N	W					
5 (D) Cash--interest bearing	E	int.	M	T					
6 Check & savings accts. SunTrust Bank Nashville, TN	A	int.	L	T					
7 Cookeville Commons Shopping Center Cookeville, TN	G	rent	Pl	W					
8 Oakwood Farm -- Hermitage, TN	G	rent	Pl	W	partia. sale	1/9/03	Pl	El	Phillips Blairs.
9 Art collection -- Paintings		none	M	W					
10 Airplane		none	M	W					
11 SunTrust Bank Account	E	int.	M	T					
12 Berkshire Hathaway	A	Div.	K	T					
13 Heartland Express	A	Div.	L	T					
14 Sigma Aldrich	A	Div.	L	T					
15 Equity Resid. Prop. Trust	A	Div.	L	T					
16 K-Mart	A	Div.	J	T	Sold 5/21/03	J	A		
17 Tech lata Corp.	A	liv.	L	T					
18 US Treas. Bills or Notes	D	int.	0		5 sales and 4 purchases for rein- vestment throughout the year by Schwab				

1	Income/Gain Codes: A=\$1,000 or less (See Col. B1, D4) F=\$50,001-\$100,000	B=\$1,001-\$2,500 G=\$100,001-\$1,000,000	C=\$2,501-\$5,000 H=\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000	D=\$5,001-\$15,000 H2=More than \$5,000,000	E=\$15,01-\$50,000
2	Value Codes: J=\$15,000 or less (See Col. C1, D3) N=\$250,001-\$500,000 P3=\$25,000,001-\$50,000,000	K=\$15,001-\$50,000 O=\$50,001-\$1,000,000	L=\$50,001-\$100,000 P1=\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000 P4=More than \$5,000,000	M=\$100,001-\$250,000 P2=\$5,000,001-\$25,000,000	
3	Value Method Codes: O=Appraisal (See Col. C2) C=Book value	V=Cost (real estate only) V=Other	S=Assessment W=Estimated	T=Cash/Market	

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VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS (Indicate part of Report.)**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 5 U.S.C. App., § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353 and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature

Date May 11, 2004

NOTE: ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY FALSIFIES OR FAILS TO FILE THIS REPORT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS (5 U.S.C. App., § 104.)

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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