

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

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) CHESLER, STANLEY R.	2. Court or Organization UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	3. Date of Report 05/02/2016
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☐ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015
7. Chambers or Office Address FRANK R. LAUTENBERG U.S. COURTHOUSE & POST OFFICE BUILDING 2 FEDERAL SQUARE NEWARK, NJ 07101		
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

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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. 2015	K HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES
2. 2015	unemployment insurance
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. District of Delaware Bench and Bar Conference	May 7-8, 2015	Wilmington, DE	Meeting of Professional Organization	Lodging and meal
2. Federal Circuit Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference	June 24-27, 2015	Dana Point, CA	Meeting of Professional Organization	Travel, lodging, and meals
3. American Antitrust Institute	August 26-29, 2015	Palo Alto, CA	Educational program	Travel, lodging, and meals
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.)*SOURCEDESCRIPTIONVALUE

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VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 32-33 of filing instructions.)*NONE *(No reportable liabilities.)*CREDITORDESCRIPTIONVALUE CODE

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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				
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1. Wells Fargo Midcap Fund	B	Dividend	J	T					
2. Bank of America	A	Interest	J	T					
3. West Orange, NJ Board of Ed. Bond	B	Interest			Redeemed	11/25/15	J	A	
4. Port Authority Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
5. Black Rock S& P 500 Index Fund	A	Dividend	K	T					
6. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	01/24/15	J		
7. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	02/03/15	J		
8. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	03/03/15	J		
9. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	04/02/15	J		
10. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	05/02/15	J		
11. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	06/02/15	J		
12. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	07/02/15	J		
13. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	08/04/15	J		
14. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	09/02/15	J		
15. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	10/02/15	J		
16. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	11/03/15	J		
17. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund		Dividend			Buy	12/05/15	J		

1. Income Gain Codes:	A = \$1,000 or less	B = \$1,001 - \$2,500	C = \$2,501 - \$5,000	D = \$5,001 - \$15,000	E = \$15,001 - \$50,000
(See Columns B1 and D4)	F = \$50,001 - \$100,000	G = \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	H1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	H2 = More than \$5,000,000	
2. Value Codes	J = \$15,000 or less	K = \$15,001 - \$50,000	L = \$50,001 - \$100,000	M = \$100,001 - \$250,000	
(See Columns C1 and D3)	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	
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18. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund	B	Dividend	L	T					
19. Fidelity N.J. Muni Money Market Fund	A	Dividend	J	T					
20. NJ State Ed FACS Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
21. NJ State Ed FACS Bond	C	Interest	L	T					
22. Livingston School Dist. Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
23. NJ Trans TR Bond	C	Interest	K	T					
24. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	B	Interest			Redeemed	6/01/15	K	A	
25. NJ Building Authority Bond	B	Interest	L	T					
26. Bergen County Util. Authority Bond	B	Interest	L	T					
27. Merrill Lynch CMA NJ Muni Market	A	Dividend	J	T					
28. NJ State Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
29. Puerto Rico Power Authority Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
30. Highland Park School Dist. Bond	A	Interest			Redeemed	3/02/15	J	A	
31. NJ Transit Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
32. California State Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
33. California State Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
34. Capital One Bank	A	Interest			Closed	05/10/15	J	A	

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35. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
36. Bayonne NJ Gen. Improvement Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
37. FIA Card Services RASP	A	Interest	J	T					
38. I Shares Barclay TIPS	B	Interest			Sold	04/15/15	M	D	
39. NJ State Trans. Bond	B	Interest	L	T					
40. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
41. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	B	Interest	L	T					
42. Port Authority of NY & NJ Bond	A	Interest	K	T					
43. Triboro B & T Authority Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
44. CIT Bank	D	Interest	O	T					
45. Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund	C	Dividend			Closed	07/10/15	N	E	
46. Vanguard Prime Money Market	A	Dividend			Closed	07/10/15	N	A	
47. Edison Township Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
48. Edison Township Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
49. NJ State Trans. Auth. Bond	A	Interest	J	T					
50. NJ State Trans. Auth. Bond	B	Interest	J	T					
51. NJ Econ. Development Auth. Bd.	A	Interest	J	T					

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52. NJ Trans. Auth. Bond	B	Interest	K	T					
53. Autonation Bond	A	Interest	K	T	Buy	04/15/15	K		
54. Celgene Bond	A	Interest	K	T	Buy	04/15/15	K		
55. Kinder Morgan Bond	A	Interest	K	T	Buy	04/15/15	K		
56. McKesson Bond	A	Interest	J	T	Buy	04/15/15	K		
57. Quest Bond	A	Interest	K	T	Buy	04/15/15	K		
58. Thermo Fisher Bond	A	Interest	K	T	Buy	04/15/15	K		
59. Verizon Bond	A	Interest	K	T	Buy	04/15/15	K		
60. American Express Saving Bank	A	Interest	M	T	Open	07/17/15	M		
61. American Express Centen	A	Interest	L	T	Open	07/17/15	L		
62. Spartan 500 Index Fund	C	Dividend	N	T	Buy	07/17/15	M		

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

Income and gross value for all Fidelity Spartan 500 Index Fund holdings (Lines 6-18) are reported at Line 18.

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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/ STANLEY R. CHESLER**

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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