

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

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) Merz, Michael R.	2. Court or Organization U.S. District Court, S.D. Ohio	3. Date of Report 07/18/2015
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Magistrate Judge full time recalled	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☒ Annual ☐ Final 5b. ☐ Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014
7. Chambers or Office Address Room 501 200 West Second Street Dayton, Ohio 45402		
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.	Trustee, vice president and assistant secretary	East End Community Services Corporation
3.	Trustee, president	Dayton Metro Library Foundation
4.		
5.		

II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of filing instructions.)

☐ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

DATE

PARTIES AND TERMS

1.	8/15/2014	to teach criminal adjudication at the University of Dayton School of Law, Spring semester 2015 for \$4,500
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.)*

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.)*NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE
1.	
2. 1/1/2014 to	individual spiritual direction on a fee-for-service basis
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.)*

SOURCE	DATES	LOCATION	PURPOSE	ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED
1.				
2. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops	6/15/2014 - 11/15/2014	New Orleans, La., and Baltimore Md.	Meetings about child sexual abuse by clerics	Air fare, lodging, and meals - some paid to me, balance to vendors.
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.)*

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.		
4.		
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1. Fifth Third Bank	A	Interest	K	T					
2. John Hancock Life insurance cash value policy	A	Int./Div.	J	U					
3. MetLife insurance cash value policy	A	Int./Div.	K	U					
4. IRA # 1 (Stifel, Nicolaus, then transferred to LPL Financial									
5. -Stifel Bank & Trust	A	Interest			Sold	07/15/14	J	A	
6. -Citibank NA	A	Interest			Sold	07/15/14	K	A	
7. - AT&T Common shares	B	Dividend	K	T					
8. - Abbott Laboratoies									
9. -Amgen common	A	Dividend	K	T	Sold (part)	08/07/14	J	B	
10. -Apple common	A	Dividend	K	T					
11. -Avery Denuison	A	Dividend	K	T	Buy	10/20/14	K		
12. -Carriage Services, Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	07/29/14	J		
13. -Cisco Systems common					Sold	08/25/14	J	C	
14. -Direct TV Class A common					Sold	09/12/14	K	D	
15. -Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.	A	Dividend	K	T	Buy	09/12/14	K		
16. -Donnelly RR & Sons common	A	Dividend	J	T					
17. -Expeditors Intl Wash Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T					

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18. - Express Scripts Holding	A	Dividend	J	T	Sold (part)	07/29/14	J	A	
19. - Exxon Mobile common	A	Dividend	K	T	Buy	10/10/14	J		
20. -Goodyear Tire & Rubber common	A	Dividend	K	T					
21. - Hancock Holding Co.					Sold	01/29/14	J	A	
22. -Health Care REIT Inc. common	A	Dividend	J	T					
23. -Insured Bank Program MMKT	A	Int./Div.			Buy (add'l)	06/02/14	J		
24.					Buy (add'l)	06/03/14	J		
25.					Buy (add'l)	06/09/14	J		
26.					Buy (add'l)	06/11/14	J		
27.					Buy (add'l)	06/13/14	J		
28.					Buy (add'l)	06/17/14	J		
29.					Sold	06/24/14	K		
30. -Intl Game Technology	A	Dividend			Buy	04/04/14	J		
31.					Sold	10/10/14	J	B	
32. -IBM Corp.	A	Dividend	K	T	Buy	10/10/14	K		
33. -Kellogg Co.	A	Dividend	K	T	Buy	01/31/14	J		
34. -Microsoft Corp.	A	Dividend	J	T	Sold (part)	08/07/14	J	B	

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35. -Newmont Mining Corp. Holding Co. common	A	Dividend			Sold	11/20/14	J		
36.					Buy	07/29/14	J		
37. -PPL Corp. common	A	Dividend	J	T					
38. -Peoples United Financial	B	Dividend	K	T					
39. -Pfizer, Inc.	A	Dividend	K	T					
40. -Qualcomm, Inc	A	Dividend			Sold	09/19/14	J	B	
41. -Rowan Companies PLC	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	10/24/14	J		
42. -Royal Dutch Shell PLC sponsored ADR Repstgn A common	B	Dividend	K	T					
43. -Schlumberger LTD	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	09/12/14	J		
44. -Staples Inc.					Sold	08/25/14	J		
45.					Buy	07/29/14	J		
46. -Southern Company	A	Dividend							
47. -Stewart Enterprises CHG Inc, Class A									
48. -Washington REIT SB1	A	Dividend	K	T					
49. -Watson Pharm Inc. common									
50. -Wellpoint, Inc.									
51. -Xerox common					Sold	10/21/14	J	C	

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52. -Ishares Trust S&P US PFD Stock Index Fund	B	Dividend	K	T					
53. - Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund	B	Dividend	K	T					
54. -Nuveen Municipal Value Fund	B	Dividend	L	T					
55. -Invesco Senior Income Trust	A	Dividend							
56. -Invesco Trust Inv. Grade Municipals					Sold	10/20/14	J	A	
57. -Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund	A	Dividend			Sold	10/20/14	J	A	
58. --Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund II	A	Dividend			Sold	10/20/14	J	A	
59. -PVR Partners Unit Rptg Ptnship LTD									
60. -Raytheon Co. new common									
61. AT&T Inc. common	A	Distribution	K	T					
62. Amgen Inc.common	A	Dividend	K	T					
63. Apple Inc., common	A	Dividend	J	T					
64. Avery Dennuison Corp.	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	10/10/14	J		
65. Carriage Service,s Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T	Sold (part)	11/05/14	J	A	
66.					Buy	07/29/14	J		
67. Cisco Systems Inc. common	A	Dividend			Sold	08/25/14	J	A	
68. Diamon Offshore Drilling, Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	09/12/14	J		

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71. Expeditors Intl Wash Inc	A	Dividend	J	T					
72. Express Scripts Holding Co. common	A	Dividend	J	T	Sold (part)	11/05/14	J	C	
73.					Buy	07/29/14	J		
74. Exxon Mobile Corp. common	A	Dividend	K	T					
75. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. common	A	Dividend	K	T					
76. Hancock Holding Company	A	Dividend			Sold	01/29/14	J	A	
77. Health Care REIT, Inc.	B	Dividend	K	T					
78. Insured Bank Program	A	Interest			Buy (add'l)	06/02/14	J		
79.					Buy (add'l)	06/03/14	J		
80.					Buy (add'l)	06/09/14	J		
81.					Buy (add'l)	06/11/14	J		
82.					Buy (add'l)	06/13/14	J		
83.					Buy (add'l)	06/17/14	J		
84.					Sold	06/18/14	K		
85. International Business Machines Corp.	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	11/05/14	J		

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90. PPL Corp. common	A	Dividend	J	T					
91. People United Financial Inc. common	B	Dividend	K	T					
92. Pfizer, Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/05/14	J		
93.					Buy	10/17/14	K		
94. Qualcomm Inc.	A	Dividend			Sold	07/29/14	J	B	
95. Rowan Companies PLC	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	10/24/14	J		
96. Royal Dutch Shell PLC Sponsored ADR Repstg A shares	A	Dividend	K	T					
97. Schlumberger Ltd	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	07/29/14	J		
98. Southern Company	A	Dividend			Sold	05/20/14	J	A	
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100. Stewart Enterprises CHG	A	Dividend	J	T					
101. Washington Real Estate Investment Trust	A	Dividend	K	T					
102. Xerox Corp. common	A	Dividend			Sold	10/21/14	J	C	

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103. Ishares S&P U.S. Preferred Stock Index ETF	B	Dividend	K	T					
104. Invesco Trust Int Grade Municipals	A	Dividend			Sold	10/20/14	J	A	
105. Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund	A	Dividend			Sold	10/20/14	J	A	
106. Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund II	A	Dividend			Sold	10/20/14	J	A	
107. Nuveen Municipal Value Fund	B	Dividend	K	T					
108. Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund	B	Dividend	K	T					
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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	
	P3 = \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000		P4 = More than \$50,000,000		
3. Value Method Codes	Q = Appraisal	R = Cost (Real Estate Only)	S = Assessment	T = Cash Market	
(See Column C2)	U = Book Value	V = Other	W = Estimated		

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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/ **Michael R. Merz**

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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