

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) Stearns, Richard G.	2. Court or Organization District Court of Massachusetts	3. Date of Report 08/31/2017
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) District Court Judge (Active)	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 Moakley Federal Courthouse, Suite 7110 One Courthouse Way Boston, MA 02210		
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.)

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY</u>
1.	Partner	Massachusetts Prosecutor's Guide
2.	Trustee (non-compensated)	Vincent Memorial Hospital (Massachusetts General Hospital)
3.	Member (non-compensated)	American Bar Ass'n CEELI Council
4.		
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II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of filing instructions.)

☒ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTIES AND TERMS</u>
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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. 2016	Massachusetts Prosecutor's Guide (Book Royalties)	\$15,336.00
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
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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. American Bar Ass'n ROLI	March 30-April 9, 2016	Cairo, Egypt	Teaching patent law in separate seminars for Judges of the Egyptian Economic Court	Travel, meals, and lodging
2. American Bar Ass'n ROLI	June 12-18, 2016	Astana, Kazakhstan	Conferring on legal matters with the Kazakh Supreme Court and Office of the PG	Travel, meals, and lodging
3. The Albertus Institute	November 24-27, 2016	Edinburgh, Scotland	Presenter: International Seminar on "Law and the Changing Face of Conflict"	Travel, meals, and lodging
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				
	(1) Amount Code I (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. TECO Common Stock	B	Dividend			Redeemed	11/15/16	L	E	
2. Westar Common Stock	C	Dividend	L	T					
3. Bank of America Common Stock	A	Dividend	L	T					
4. Massachusetts Prosecutor's Guide Partnership Interest (H)									
5. --Fidelity Asset Manager Fund	A	Dividend	K	T					
6. --Fidelity Growth & Income Fund	A	Dividend	J	T					
7. --Fidelity Equity Income II Fund	A	Dividend	K	T					
8. --Fidelity Spartan U.S. Treasury Fund	A	Dividend	J	T					
9. Bank of America MMF	A	Interest	J	T					
10. Bank of America MMF Joint Savings	A	Interest	M	T					
11. Citizens Bank Keogh 401K Certificates of Deposit	B	Interest	M	T					
12. State Street Bank Common Stock (IRA)	A	Dividend	N	T					
13. Fidelity Growth & Income IRA	C	Dividend	N	T					
14. Fidelity Equity Income II IRA	C	Dividend	N	T					
15. Fidelity Utilities Fund IRA	B	Dividend	K	T					
16. Bank of America IRA Certificates of Deposit	A	Interest	L	T					
17. Fidelity Cash Reserves	A	Dividend	K	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	
3. Value Method Codes (See Column C2)	Q = Appraisal U = Book Value	R = Cost (Real Estate Only) V = Other	S = Assessment W = Estimated	T = Cash Market	

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18. Fidelity Government Bond IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
19. Citizens Bank Checking	A	Interest	J	T					
20. Citizens Bank Savings	A	Interest	J	T					
21. Bank of America Checking	A	Interest	J	T					
22. Downtown Capital Partners	B	Interest			Matured	11/01/16	K	A	
23. State Street Bank cash account (401K)	A	Interest	L	T					
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VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS. *(Indicate part of report.)*

Part VII, line 1. TECO Energy was acquired in 2016 by the Canadian company Emera in a cash buyout.

Part VII, line 18. Downtown Capital Partners is a New York-based private investment fund.

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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/ **Richard G. Stearns**

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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