

# FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015

Report Required by the Ethics  
in Government Act of 1978  
(5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

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| <b>1. Person Reporting</b> (last name, first, middle initial)<br><br>Bye, Kermit E.                                                                                                                       | <b>2. Court or Organization</b><br><br>USCA - 8th Circuit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>3. Date of Report</b><br><br>05/13/2016                       |
| <b>4. Title</b> (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)<br><br>U.S. Circuit Judge -- Senior                                                  | <b>5a. Report Type</b> (check appropriate type)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> Date<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final<br><b>5b.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Report | <b>6. Reporting Period</b><br><br>01/01/2015<br>to<br>12/31/2015 |
| <b>7. Chambers or Office Address</b><br><br>Chambers 330<br>655 First Avenue North<br>Fargo, ND 58102                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |
| <p align="center"><b>IMPORTANT NOTES:</b> The instructions accompanying this form must be followed. Complete all parts, checking the NONE box for each part where you have no reportable information.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |

## 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

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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.)*

|    | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>VALUE</u> |
|----|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 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.)*

|    | <u>CREDITOR</u>                    | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                         | <u>VALUE CODE</u> |
|----|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Franklin American Mortgage Company | First mortgage loan                        | N                 |
| 2. | USBank                             | Unsecured line of credit (in use)          | M                 |
| 3. | Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.             | Real estate loan                           | M                 |
| 4. | American Federal Bank              | Real estate equity line of credit (in use) | M                 |
| 5. |                                    |                                            |                   |

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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.<br>Description of Assets<br>(including trust assets)<br><br>Place "(X)" after each asset<br>exempt from prior disclosure | B.<br>Income during<br>reporting period |                                               | C.<br>Gross value at end<br>of reporting period |                                           | D.<br>Transactions during reporting period      |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                             | (1)<br>Amount<br>Code 1<br>(A-H)        | (2)<br>Type (e.g.,<br>div., rent,<br>or int.) | (1)<br>Value<br>Code 2<br>(J-P)                 | (2)<br>Value<br>Method<br>Code 3<br>(Q-W) | (1)<br>Type (e.g.,<br>buy, sell,<br>redemption) | (2)<br>Date<br>mm/dd/yy | (3)<br>Value<br>Code 2<br>(J-P) | (4)<br>Gain<br>Code 1<br>(A-H) | (5)<br>Identity of<br>buyer/seller<br>(if private<br>transaction) |
| 1. USBank (Checking Account)                                                                                                | A                                       | Interest                                      | J                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 2. USBank Elite Money Market Fund                                                                                           | A                                       | Interest                                      | J                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 3. Charles Schwab Cash Balance                                                                                              | A                                       | Interest                                      | K                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 4. Series "E" Savings Bonds                                                                                                 | A                                       | Interest                                      | J                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 5. T. Rowe Price Growth Fund, Inc.                                                                                          | C                                       | Dividend                                      | N                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 6. Vanguard-Windsor Fund                                                                                                    | A                                       | Dividend                                      | M                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 7. Fidelity New Millennium Fund                                                                                             | A                                       | Dividend                                      | L                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 8. Columbia Mid Cap Growth Fund                                                                                             | A                                       | Dividend                                      | K                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 9. American Century Income and Growth Fund                                                                                  | A                                       | Dividend                                      | J                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 10. Schwab Market Track High Growth Fund                                                                                    | A                                       | Dividend                                      | J                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 11. Vanguard GNMA Portfolio                                                                                                 | D                                       | Dividend                                      | L                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 12. Vanguard Star Fund (IRA Account)                                                                                        | B                                       | Dividend                                      | L                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 13. Vanguard Index 500                                                                                                      | B                                       | Dividend                                      | J                                               | T                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 14. CUNA Mutual Life Insurance Company                                                                                      | C                                       | Interest                                      | J                                               | U                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 15. Indianapolis Life Insurance Company                                                                                     | B                                       | Interest                                      | J                                               | U                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 16. Franklin Life Insurance Company (Paid Up)                                                                               | A                                       | Interest                                      | J                                               | U                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |
| 17. Jackson Nat'l Life Ins Co                                                                                               | C                                       | Interest                                      | L                                               | U                                         |                                                 |                         |                                 |                                |                                                                   |

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| 1. Income Gain Codes:<br>(See Columns B1 and D4) | A = \$1,000 or less<br>F = \$50,001 - \$100,000                                       | B = \$1,001 - \$2,500<br>G = \$100,001 - \$1,000,000   | C = \$2,501 - \$5,000<br>H1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000                                  | D = \$5,001 - \$15,000<br>H2 = More than \$5,000,000         | E = \$15,001 - \$50,000 |
| 2. Value Codes<br>(See Columns C1 and D3)        | J = \$15,000 or less<br>N = \$250,001 - \$500,000<br>P3 = \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000 | K = \$15,001 - \$50,000<br>O = \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | L = \$50,001 - \$100,000<br>P1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000<br>P4 = More than \$5,000,000 | M = \$100,001 - \$250,000<br>P2 = \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000 |                         |
| 3. Value Method Codes<br>(See Column C2)         | Q = Appraisal<br>U = Book Value                                                       | R = Cost (Real Estate Only)<br>V = Other               | S = Assessment<br>W = Estimated                                                          | T = Cash Market                                              |                         |

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|                                                                   |   |          |    |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----------|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 18. Farm Real Estate, Traill County, ND                           | E | Rent     | N  | W |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19. KCLWB (Bye) Fam Lim Part LLLP, Fargo, ND Appraisal: 12/11     | G | Rent     | P1 | Q |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. Condominium Rentals, Bismarck, ND                             | E | Rent     | N  | W |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21. Lake Cottage #1, Otter Tail County, MN AV: \$386,300          |   | None     | N  | S |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22. Lake Home #1, Otter Tail County, MN AV: \$916,900             |   | None     | P1 | S |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23. NDSBIC Limited Partnership (Limited Partner)                  | A | Dividend | K  | W |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24. Wells Fargo Advantage Fund                                    | B | Interest | J  | T |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25. Price New America Growth Fund (IRA Account)                   | B | Dividend | M  | T |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26. Vogel Law Firm Pension Trust (Keogh) (includes Dak REIT)(BCG) | G | Dividend | O  | W |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27. Vogel Law Firm Profit Sharing Plan Trust                      | B | Dividend | N  | U |  |  |  |  |  |

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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/ **Kermit E. Bye**

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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