

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) Benton, William D.	2. Court or Organization U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Cir	3. Date of Report 05/06/2016
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Circuit Judge (active)	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 U.S. Courthouse 400 E. 9th St. Kansas City MO 64106		
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.	Director	Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
2.	Trustee	Trust #1
3.		
4.		
5.		

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

☒ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTIES AND TERMS</u>
1.		
2.		
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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. 2015	State of Missouri - judicial retirement	\$74,387.36
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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>
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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.)*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED</u>
1. Emory University Law School	Oct. 10-11, 2015	Atlanta GA	judge moot court	transportation, meals and hotel
2. University of Southern California Law School	Mar. 5-8, 2015	Los Angeles CA	judge moot court	transportation, meals and hotel
3. Pepperdine Law School	Mar. 12-13, 2015	Malibu CA	teach at Federal Clerkship Institute	transportation, meals and hotel
4. American Bar Association	Mar. 15-16, 2015	New Orleans LA	CLE teaching	transportation, meals and hotel
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.)*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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1. Equifax Inc. common stock	B	Dividend	M	T					
2. GE common stock	A	Dividend	J	T					
3. Federated Clover Value Fund A VFCAX	A	Dividend	J	T					
4. Oppenheimer Main Street Fund A MSIGX	A	Dividend	J	T					
5. Wells Fargo Emerging Growth Fund A (formerly "Small Cap") WEMAX	C	Distribution	K	T					
6. US Bancorp common stock	A	Dividend	J	T					
7. MOST 529 plan fund #1-Vanguard Aggressive Growth Portfolio		None	J	T					
8. MOST 529 plan fund #2-Vanguard Interest Accumulat'n Portfoli	A	Interest	J	T					
9. AIG American General universal life policy	B	Interest	K	T					
10. IRA # 1	B	Int./Div.	K	T					
11. - Hewlett Packard common stock					Sold	06/10/15	J	A	
12. - Wells Fargo Bank deposit program									
13. - Blackrock Energy & Resources Portfolio C					Sold	06/10/15	K		
14. - American Capital Income Builder Fund C					Sold	06/10/15	J	A	
15. - Lord Abbett Bd-Deb C					Sold	06/10/15	K		
16. -First Tr Global Tactical Commodity Strategy Fund FTGC					Buy	06/12/15	J		
17. -Ishares Russell 1000 Value IWD					Buy	06/12/15	J		

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18. -Ishares Core S&P 500 Index Fd IVV					Buy	06/12/15	J		
19. -Ishares TIP Bond TIP					Buy	06/12/15	J		
20. -Powershares EM Mar Sov De PT PCY					Buy	06/12/15	J		
21. -SPDR Barclays High Yield Bond ETF JNK					Buy	06/12/15	J		
22. -SPDR S&P Intl Small Cap GWX					Buy	06/12/15	J		
23. -Vanguard FTSE Dev Markets ETF VEA					Buy	06/12/15	J		
24. -Vanguard Intl Equity Index Fds FTSE Emerging Mkts ETF VWO					Buy	06/12/15	J		
25. -Vanguard Mid Cap VO					Buy	06/12/15	J		
26. -Vanguard REIT VNQ					Buy	06/12/15	J		
27. -Vanguard Short Term Bond ETF BSV					Buy	06/12/15	J		
28. -Vanguard Small Cap Valu ETF VBR					Buy	06/12/15	J		
29. -Vanguard Small Cap VB					Buy	06/12/15	J		
30. -Vanguard Total Bond Market BND					Buy	06/12/15	J		
31. -Vanguard Total Intl Bond BNDX					Buy	06/12/15	J		
32. IRA # 2	C	Int./Div.	L	T					
33. - WalMart common stock					Sold	06/10/15	K	C	
34. - Hewlett Packard common stock					Sold	06/10/15	J	A	

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35. - Federated Clover Value Fund A					Sold	06/10/15	J	A	
36. - American International Group Inc. common stock					Sold	06/10/15	J		
37. - Peabody Energy Corp. common stock					Sold	06/10/15	J		
38. - Wells Fargo Co. (formerly Wachovia Corp New) common stock					Sold	06/10/15	J		
39. - Blackrock Energy & Resources Portfolio C					Sold	06/10/15	J		
40. - Wells Fargo (formerly Wachovia) Bank deposit program					Sold	06/10/15	J		
41. - Federated Strategic Value Fund C					Sold	06/10/15	K	A	
42. - Federated Investors Bond Fund C					Sold	06/10/15	J	A	
43. -Deutsche Secs Tr Enhanced Comm Strat Fd Instl Class SKIRX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
44. -Deutsche Secs Tr Global Real Est Secs Fd Instl Class RRGIX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
45. -American High Income Trust Class F2 AHIFX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
46. -Advisors Inner Circle Cambiar Small Cap Rd Inv Class CAMSX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
47. -Delaware Group Equity Fds II-Value Fd Instl Class DDVIX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
48. -Bond Fund of Amer Class F2 ABNFX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
49. -RS Inv Tr Small Cap Growth Fd C1 Y RSYEX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
50. -Goldman Sachs Tr Strategic Income Fd Class Instl SHS GSZIX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
51. -Goldman Sachs Tr Finl Sq Treas Instrs Fd Instl Class FTLXX					Buy	06/11/15	J		

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52. -American Funds Growth Fund of Am Class F2 GFFFX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
53. -Harbor Fd Cap Appreciation Fd Instl Class HACAX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
54. -American Funds New World Fund Class F2 NFFFX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
55. -American Funds Washington Mutual Fd F2 WMFFX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
56. -Janus Invt Fd Flexible Bd Fd Class I JFLEX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
57. -John Hancock Funds III Disciplined Value Mid Cap Fd Class I JVMIX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
58. -American EuroPacific Growth FU Class F2 AEPFX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
59. -Nuveen Invt Fds Inc Real Estate Secs Fund Class I FARCX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
60. -Virtus Emerging Markets Opportunities Fnd Class I HIEMX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
61. -SmallCap World Fd Inc. Class F2 SMCFX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
62. -Victory Portfolios Munder Mid Cap Core Growth Fd Class Y MGOYX					Buy	06/11/15	J		
63. Pfizer Inc. common stock	A	Dividend	J	T					
64. Chimera Investment Corp.	A	Dividend	J	T					
65. Federated High Income Bond Fund class C FHICX	B	Dividend	K	T					
66. Lord Abbett High Yield Muni Bond Fund - HYMCX	B	Int./Div.	K	T					
67. Nuveen High Yield Municipal Bond Fund class C NHMCX	A	Int./Div.	K	T					
68. Oppenheimer Global Strategic Income Fund C OSICX	A	Dividend	K	T					

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69. American International Group Inc. common stock	B	Dividend	L	T					
70. Clearbridge Energy MLP Total Return Fund Inc. CTR	A	Distribution	J	T					
71. Gramercy Property Trust (formerly Chambers street PPTYS - CSG)	A	Dividend	K	T					
72. Calamos Invt Tr New Evolving Worlds Growth class C - CNWDX	A	Dividend	K	T					
73. Federated Kaufmann Large Cap FD class C - KLCCX	A	Dividend	K	T					
74. Federated Global Alloc FD class C - FSBCX	A	Distribution	K	T					
75. First Eagle Sogen Global Fd class C - FESGX	A	Distribution	K	T					
76. Federated Intl Strategic Value Div FD class C - IVFCX	A	Dividend	J	T					
77. Ivy Fds Inc asset Strategy FD class C - WASCX	B	Distribution	K	T					
78. Lord Abbett Intl Div Income FD class C - LIDCX	A	Dividend	J	T					
79. Nuveen Municipal Trust High Yield Mun Bond Fd class C - NHCCX	B	Dividend	K	T					
80. Putnam Fds Tr Capital Spectrum Fd class C PVSCX	B	Distribution	K	T					
81. Nuveen All Cap Energy MLP Opportunities Fd - JMLP	A	Dividend	J	T					
82. American Balanced Fund Cl A	B	Distribution	K	T					
83. Capital Income Builder Fund Cl A	B	Dividend	L	T					
84. Income Fund of America Fund Cl A	C	Distribution	L	T					
85. American Funds Global Balanced Fund Cl A	B	Dividend	K	T					

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86. Trust #1	E	Int./Div.	N	T					
87. - Edward Jones money-market fund									
88. - American Balanced Fund C1 A					Distributed (part)	01/08/15	K		
89.					Distributed (part)	10/08/15	K		
90. - Capital Income Builder Fund A					Distributed (part)	01/08/15	L		
91.					Distributed (part)	10/08/15	L		
92. - Franklin Balanced Fund C1 A									
93. - Income Fund of America Fund A					Distributed (part)	01/08/15	K		
94.					Distributed (part)	10/08/15	L		
95. - American Funds Global Balanced Fund					Distributed (part)	01/08/15	L		
96.					Distributed (part)	10/18/15	K		

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

The Vanguard Aggressive Growth Portfolio, listed on line 7 of Part VII, invests in two stock funds: (1) Vanguard Institutional Total Stock Market Index Fund (70%), and Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund (30%). This allocation is made by the MOST plan, not by me.

The Vanguard Interest Accumulation Portfolio, listed on line 8 of Part VII, directs all its assets into Vanguard Short Term Reserves Account, which, in turn, invests in (1) Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund, and (2) funding agreements issued by one or more insurance companies, banks, and other issuers. This allocation is made by the MOST plan, not by me, and I do not know any specifics of item (2).

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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/ William D. Benton

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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