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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Report Required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. app. §§ 13101-13111)

1. Person Reporting (last name, first, middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Benton, William D.	U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Cir	05/01/2025
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)	**5a. Report Type (check appropriate type)**	**6. Reporting Period**
Circuit Judge (active)	☐ Nomination Date ☐ Initial ☑ Annual ☐ Final **5b.** ☐ Amended Report	01/01/2024 **to** 12/31/2024
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 Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 2D, Ch. 3, § 345 Trustees, Executors, Administrators, and Custodians; § 350 Power of Attorney; § 355 Outside Positions.)*

☐ NONE *(No reportable positions.)*

	POSITION	NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY
1.	Director	Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, Inc.
2.	Trustee	Trust #1
3.		
4.		
5.		

II. AGREEMENTS. *(Reporting individual only; see Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 2D, Ch. 3, § 340 Agreements and Arrangements.)*

☑ NONE *(No reportable agreements.)*

	DATE	PARTIES AND TERMS
1.		
2.		
3.		

III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 2D, Ch. 3, § 320 Income; § 360 Spouses and Dependent Children.)*

A. Filer's Non-Investment Income

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

	DATE	SOURCE AND TYPE	INCOME (yours, not spouse's)
1.	2024	State of Missouri - judicial retirement	$106,646.00
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
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS *-- transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.*

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 2D, Ch. 3, § 330 Gifts and Reimbursements; § 360 Spouses and Dependent Children.)

☐ NONE *(No reportable reimbursements.)*

	SOURCE	DATES	LOCATION	PURPOSE	ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED
1.	National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges	September 17-20, 2024	Seattle WA	judge of moot court; instruct at conference	Transportation, meals, hotel
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 2D, Ch. 3, § 330 Gifts and Reimbursements; § 360 Spouses and Dependent Children.)*

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	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 2D, Ch. 3, § 335 Liabilities; § 360 Spouses and Dependent Children.)*

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	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE
1.			
2.			
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1.	Equifax Inc. common stock	A	Dividend	M	T					
2.	US Bancorp common stock	A	Dividend	J	T					
3.	MOST 529 plan fund #1-Vanguard Aggressive Growth Portfolio	A	Dividend	J	T					
4.	MOST 529 plan fund #2-Vanguard Interest Accumulat'n Portfoli	C	Interest	M	T					
5.	AIG American General universal life policy	A	Interest	J	T					
6.	IRA # 1									
7.	- Wells Fargo Bank deposit program	A	Interest	J	T					
8.	-Ishares High Yield Corp Bond ETF USHY	A	Dividend	J	T					
9.	-Ishares Core S&P 500 Index Fd IVV	A	Dividend	J	T					
10.	-Schwab Strategic Tr ETF Fun'dl Em Mkt Large Co Index FNDE	A	Dividend			Sold	11/22/24	J	A	
11.	-JP Morgan Tr ETF Core Plus Bd JCPB	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	11/22/24	J		
12.	Morgan Stanley TR ETF Eaton Vance Total Return Bond EVTR	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	11/22/24	J		
13.	-Schwab Strategic Tr ETF Fun'dl Intl Large Co Index FNDF	A	Dividend	J	T					
14.	- SPDR Portfolio ETF Int Term SPIB	A	Dividend			Sold	11/22/24	J	A	
15.	-Vanguard FTSE Dev Markets ETF VEA	A	Dividend	K	T					
16.	-Vanguard Intl Equity Index Fds FTSE Emerging Mkts ETF VWO	A	Dividend	J	T					
17.	-Vanguard Mid Cap ETF VO	A	Dividend	J	T					

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18. -Vanguard Scot ETF I-Term Tr Ind VGIT	A	Dividend			Sold	11/22/24	J	A	
19. -Vanguard Short Term ETF BSV	A	Dividend			Sold	11/22/24	J	A	
20. -Vanguard Small Cap Valu ETF VBR	A	Dividend	J	T					
21. -Vanguard Small Cap VB	A	Dividend	J	T					
22. -Vanguard Total Bond Market BND	A	Interest	J	T					
23. -Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF VTI	A	Dividend	K	T					
24. -Vanguard Value ETF VTV	A	Dividend	J	T					
25. IRA # 2									
26. -Brown Adv Small Cap Growth Fd BAFSX	A	Dividend			Sold	04/09/24	J	A	
27. -American High Income Trust Class 2 AHIFX	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	08/01/24	J		
28. -Causeway Intl Value FD Ins Shs CIVIX	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	08/05/24	J		
29. Embark Small Cap Equity Fund Instl Class ESCWX	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	06/12/24	J		
30. Harbor Embark Comm'y Str Instl Fund ECSWX	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	08/01/24	J		
31. -Bond Fund of Amer Class F2 ABNFX	B	Interest	K	T					
32. -Goldman Sachs Tr Finl Sq Treas Instrs Fd Instl Class FTIXX	A	Interest	J	T					
33. -Dodge & Cox Stk Fd DODGX	A	Dividend	J	T					
34. -American Funds Growth Fund of Am Class F2 GFFFX	A	Dividend	J	T					

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35. -American Funds Washington Mutual Fd F2 WMFFX	A	Dividend	K	T					
36. -John Hancock Funds III Disciplined Value Mid Cap Fd Class 1 JVMIX	A	Dividend	J	T					
37. -American EuroPacific Growth FU Class F2 AEPFX	A	Dividend	J	T					
38. -Janus Funds Janus Perkins Small Cap Value Fd Cl1 JSCOX	A	Dividend			Sold	07/25/24	J	A	
39. -Jenson Portfolio Inc. Class 1 SHS JENIX	A	Dividend	J	T					
40. -MFS Mid-Cap Growth Fund-1 OTCIX	A	Dividend	J	T					
41. - MFS Ser Tr X Emerging Mtks Debt FD class 1 MEDIX	A	Dividend	J	T					
42. Allspring Emerging Mrkts Eq Fd Cl Inst (formerly "Wells Fargo") EMGNX	A	Dividend	J	T					
43. -PIMCO Com Plus Strat Fd Cl Inst PCLIX	A	Dividend	J	T					
44. -PIMCO Fds Pac Invt PTTRX	A	Dividend	J	T					
45. -PGIM High Yield C/Z PHYZX	A	Dividend	J	T					
46. -PIMCO Com. Real Return PCRIX	A	Dividend			Sold	08/01/24	J	A	
47. Pfizer Inc. common stock	A	Dividend	J	T					
48. Federated Kaufmann Large Cap FD class C - KLCCX	E	Distribution	K	T					
49. American Balanced Fund Cl A	D	Distribution	L	T					
50. Capital Income Builder Fund Cl A	D	Dividend	L	T					
51. Income Fund of America Fund Cl A	D	Distribution	M	T					

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52.	Aberdeen Std Invts ETF Blbg All Comm Strat K-1 BCI	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	10/03/24	J		
53.	Alphabet Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	07/18/24	J		
54.	Amazon.com Inc	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	07/18/24	J		
55.	American Funds Global Balanced Fund Cl A	B	Dividend	K	T					
56.	Apple Inc AAPL	A	Dividend	J	T					
57.	Berkshire Hathaway ser B new BRK/B		None	J	T					
58.	Eaton Corp Plc ETN	A	Dividend	J	T	Sold (part)	10/03/24	J	C	
59.	Eli Lilly & Co LLY	A	Dividend	J	T	Sold (part)	10/03/24	J	C	
60.	Energy Select Sector SPDR ETF XLE	A	Dividend	J	T					
61.	Exxon Mobil Corp XOM	A	Dividend	J	T					
62.	GE Aerospace	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	07/18/24	J		
63.	Industrial Sel ETF Sector SPDR XLI	A	Dividend	K	T					
64.	IShares ETF Russell 2000 IWM	A	Dividend	K	T					
65.	IShares ETF 10-20 Year Treas Bd TLH	B	Interest	K	T					
66.	IShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF IEFA	B	Dividend	L	T	Buy (add'l)	07/18/24	J		
67.	IShares Core MSCI ETF Emerging Markets ETF IEMG	A	Dividend	K	T					
68.	IShares Iboxx ETF High Yield Corp Bond HYG	A	Dividend	K	T					

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69.	IShares JP Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond EMB	B	Distribution	K	T					
70.	IShares MBS ETF MBB	A	Dividend	J	T					
71.	IShares Russell Midcap IWR	B	Dividend	L	T					
72.	IShares S&P 500 Value ETF IVE	A	Dividend			Sold	09/13/24	K	D	
73.	IShares Tr MSCI U.K. ETF new EWU	A	Dividend	J	T					
74.	Meta Platforms Inc.	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	10/03/24	J		
75.	Microsoft Corp MSFT	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/03/24	J		
76.	Lowe's Companies Inc. LOW	A	Dividend			Sold	07/18/24	J		
77.	Morgan Stanley & Co. MS	A	Dividend			Sold	01/18/24	J		
78.	Invesco TR 11 Pfd (formerly Powershares ET Preferred Portfolio) PGX	A	Dividend	J	T					
79.	Invesco Optimium Yld ETF Diverified Commodity Strategy # K-1 PDBC	B	Dividend	K	T					
80.	Nvidia Corp.	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	12/04/24	J		
81.	Nucor Corp. NUE	A	Dividend			Sold	01/18/24	J		
82.	Pepsico Inc PEP	A	Dividend			Sold	07/18/24	J		
83.	Select Spdr TR ETF Tech Select Sector XLK	A	Dividend	L	T					
84.	Select Sector Spdr ETF TR RE Sel XLRE	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	10/30/24	J		
85.	Select Sector Spdr Tr ETF Financial XLF	A	Dividend	J	T					

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87. Select Sector Spdr T ETF Consumer Staples XLP	A	Dividend	J	T					
88. Select Sector Spdr F ETF Materials XLB	A	Dividend			Sold	07/18/24	J	B	
89. Select Sector Spdr F ETF Health Care XLV	A	Dividend	J	T					
90. Select Sector Spdr F ETF Consumer Discretionary XLY	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy (add'l)	01/18/24	J		
91. Select Sector Spdr F ETF Communications Svcs XLC	A	Dividend	K	T					
92. SPDR S&P 500 Trust ETF SPY	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	10/30/24	J		
93. SPDR Ser Tr BB High Yield ETF JNK	B	Dividend	K	T					
94. UnitedHealth Group Inc UNH	A	Dividend	J	T					
95. Vanguard Intermediate ETF Term Corp Bond ETF VCIT	B	Dividend	K	T					
96. Vanguard Intermediate Bond EFT BIV	B	Dividend	L	T	Buy (add'l)	10/30/24	K		
97. Vanguard Short-Term Treasury Index ETF VGSH	A	Dividend			Sold	07/18/24	J	A	
98. Vanguard Total Bond ETF Market BND	C	Dividend	L	T	Buy (add'l)	07/18/24	K		
99. Visa Inc	A	Dividend	J	T	Buy	01/18/24	J		
100. Goldman Sachs Group Bonds	A	Interest			Redeemed	07/08/24	J	A	
101. Verizon Communications senior unsecured Bonds	A	Interest			Redeemed	11/01/24	J	A	
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A. Description of Assets (including trust assets). Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure	B. Income during reporting period (1) Amount Code 1 (A-H)	B. (2) Type (e.g., div., rent, or int.)	C. Gross value at end of reporting period (1) Value Code 2 (J-P)	C. (2) Value Method Code 3 (Q-W)	D. Transactions during reporting period (1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, redemption)	D. (2) Date mm/dd/yy	D. (3) Value Code 2 (J-P)	D. (4) Gain Code 1 (A-H)	
103. Apple Inc senior unsecured Bonds	A	Interest			Redeemed	10/28/24	J		
104. Home Depot Inc senior unsecured Bonds	A	Interest			Redeemed	10/28/24	J		
105. Cisco Systems Inc senior unsecured Bonds	A	Interest			Redeemed	10/28/24	J		
106. JP Morgan Chase senior unsecured Bonds	A	Interest	J	T	Redeemed (part)	10/28/24	J		
107. Oracle Corp senior unsecured Bonds	A	Interest	J	T					
108. U.S. Treasury Bonds	A	Interest	K	T					
109. Trust #1									
110. - Edward Jones money-market fund	A	Interest	J	T					
111. - American Balanced Fund Cl A	A	Dividend	K	T					
112. - Capital Income Builder Fund A	A	Dividend	K	T					
113. - Franklin Balanced Fund Cl A	A	Dividend	K	T					
114. - Income Fund of America Fund A	C	Dividend	K	T					
115. - American Funds Global Balanced Fund	A	Dividend	J	T					
116. - Altria Group Inc.	B	Dividend	K	T					

1. Income Gain Codes: (See Columns B1 and D4) — 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; 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 (See Columns C1 and D3) — J =$15,000 or less; K =$15,001 - $50,000; L =$50,001 - $100,000; M =$100,001 - $250,000; 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 (See Column C2) — Q =Appraisal; R =Cost (Real Estate Only); S =Assessment; T =Cash Market; U =Book Value; V =Other; W =Estimated

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

The Vanguard Aggressive Growth Portfolio, listed on line 3 of Part VII, invests in two stock funds: (1) Vanguard Institutional Total Stock Market Index Fund (60%), and Vanguard Total Internatonal Stock Index Fund (40%). This allocation is made by the MOST plan, not by me.

The Vanguard Interest Accumulation Portfolio, listed on line 4 of Part VII, directs all its assets into Vanguard Short Term Reserves Account, which, in turn, invests in (1) Vanguard Federal 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. § 13141 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353, and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature: S/ William D. Benton

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