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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
Counts,III, Walter D.	U.S.D.C. Western District, TX	05/07/2025
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**
U.S. District 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 200 East Wall Street Midland, Texas 79701		

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.	Pepper-Counts Foundation	Director/Secretary
2.		
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.	1987	Texas County & District Retirement Systems, Austin, Tx (Defined Benefit Plan) - no control
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.			
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.					
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.)*

☑ NONE *(No reportable gifts.)*

	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.)*

☑ NONE *(No reportable liabilities.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

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VII. INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS *-- income, value, transactions (Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 2D, Ch. 3, § 310 Reporting Thresholds for Assets; § 312 Types of Reportable Property; § 315 Interests in Property; § 320 Income; § 325 Purchases, Sales, and Exchanges; § 360 Spouses and Dependent Children; § 365 Trusts, Estates, and Investment Funds.)*

☐ 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 1 (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)	
1.	Bank of America (Cash)	A	Interest	K	T					
2.	Community National Bank (Cash)		None	M	T					
3.	IRA									
4.	- Blackrock Equity Dividend FD Cl A MDDVX	C	Dividend	K	T					
5.	- Invesco Int'l /Growth A AIIEX	A	Dividend	J	T					
6.	- DWS Small Cap Core Fd A SZCAX	A	Dividend	J	T					
7.	- Hartford Mut Midcap Fd Cl C HMDCX	A	Dividend	J	T					
8.	- Allspring Govt Money Mkt (cash sweep)	A	Interest	J	T					
9.	Empower Retirement (Def'd Comp)									
10.	- Putnam Stable Value Fund: 45bps	A	Dividend	K	T					
11.	- Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral VFIAX	E	Dividend	M	T					
12.	Rent House (Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas)	B	Rent	M	W					
13.	Texas Tech Federal Credit Union	C	Interest	M	T	Sold	01/26/24	M	D	
14.	Barclays (CD)	D	Interest	M	T					
15.	Barclays (CD)	D	Interest	M	T					
16.	- Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing TSM	D	Dividend	K	T					
17.	- Bank of America BAC	F	Dividend	M	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		
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18.					Buy (add'l)	08/09/24	K		
19. - Citigroup Inc. C	E	Dividend	L	T					
20. - Huntington Bancshares Inc HBAN	B	Dividend			Sold	04/26/24	J	D	
21. - The Home Depot Inc HD	E	Dividend	M	T					
22. - Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co HPE	B	Dividend			Sold	04/26/24	K	B	
23. - Oracle Corp ORCL	D	Dividend	N	T					
24.	E	Dividend			Sold (part)	12/02/24	K	E	
25. - Prosperity Bancshares Inc PB	D	Dividend	L	T					
26. - PepsiCo Inc PEP	A	Dividend	K	T					
27.	A	Dividend			Sold (part)	12/31/24	J	A	
28. - Southern Copper Corp SCCO	E	Dividend		T	Sold	08/07/24	L	E	
29. - Quanta Services Inc PWR	E	Dividend		T	Sold	08/05/24	M	E	
30. - Microsoft Corp MSFT	E	Dividend	M	T					
31. - QUALCOMM Inc QCOM	A	Dividend	J	T					
32. - Amazon.com, Inc AMZN	E	Dividend	K	T					
33.					Buy (add'l)	08/07/24	L		
34. - Badger Meter BMI	D	Dividend	K	T	Buy	02/02/24	K		

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35. - Marvell Technology Inc. MRVL	E	Dividend	L	T	Buy	04/29/24	K		
36. - Palantir Technologies, Inc. PLTR	E	Dividend	L	T	Buy	07/18/24	J		
37.					Buy (add'l)	08/07/24	J		
38. - Whirlpool Corporation WHR	A	Dividend	L	T	Buy	11/14/24	L		
39. - Genuine Parts Company GPC	A	Dividend	K	T	Buy	11/15/24	K		
40. - PayPal Holdings, Inc. PYPL	A	Dividend	K	T	Buy	11/27/24	K		
41. - Nvidia Corp NVDA	A	Dividend	L	T	Buy	12/31/24	L		
42.									

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

II.1. As of termination of employment, neither I nor my former employer contribute to this plan.

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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/ Walter D. Counts,III

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. § 13106)

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