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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. §§ 101-111)

1. Person Reporting (last name, first, middle initial)	2. Court or Organization	3. Date of Report
Kness, John F.	U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois	07/28/2025
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**
United States District Judge Active	☐ Nomination Date ☐ Initial ☑ Annual ☐ Final **5b.** ☐ Amended Report	01/01/2024 **to** 12/31/2024
7. Chambers or Office Address		
Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse 219 S. Dearborn St., Suite 2156 Chicago, IL 60604		

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.)*

	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.	1993	American Federation of Musicians and Employers' Pension Fund (vested)
2.	2016	State University Retirement System (State of Illinois)
3.		

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.			
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
1.	2024	Lyric Opera of Chicago
2.	2024	Music of the Baroque
3.	2024	Midsummer Music Festival
4.	2024	Self employed musician
5.	2024	Film Musicians Secondary Markets Fund
6.	2024	Bach Week Festival
7.	2024	Sound Recording Special Payments Fund

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.	Antonin Scalia Law School (Law & Economics Center)	February 13-14, 2022	Washington, DC	Seventh Annual Antonin Scalia Forum	Transportation, Meals, Hotel
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.)*

	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
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.)*

	CREDITOR	DESCRIPTION	VALUE CODE
1.	Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency	Student Loans	K
2.	University of Illinois	Tuition Agreement	K
3.			
4.			
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. 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)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
1.	Ally Bank account	C	Interest	M	T					
2.	Hinsdale Bank and Trust account	A	Interest	K	T					
3.	Schwab Cash Sweep and Money Market Account	A	Interest			Merged (with line 4)	11/12/24	K	A	
4.	Schwab Municipal Money Inv	A	Int./Div.	K	T	Buy	11/12/24	K		
5.	Rivian Automotive Inc. Class A shares		None	J	T					
6.	Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF ("VTI") (IRA account)	A	Dividend	M	T					
7.	SURS Lifetime Income Strategy Fund (Voya)	A	Int./Div.	M	T					
8.	Schwab Cash Sweep and Money Market Account (IRA account)	A	Dividend			Merged (with line 9)	11/12/24	K	A	
9.	Schwab Value Advantage Money Investor Shares	A	Int./Div.	K	T	Buy	11/12/24	K		
10.	Illinois Bright Start 529 College Savings Fund, Index Moderate		None	J	T					
11.	Illinois Bright Start 529 College Savings Fund, Index Conservative		None			Closed	02/06/24	J	A	
12.										
13.										
14.										
15.										
16.										
17.										

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		
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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/ John F. Kness

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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