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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

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
Sands, Willie L.	District Court Middle Georgia	11/18/2024
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**
Senior U. S. District Judge	☐ Nomination Date ☐ Initial ☑ Annual ☐ Final **5b.** ☑ Amended Report	01/01/2023 **to** 12/31/2023
7. Chambers or Office Address		
C. B. King U. S. Courthouse 201 West Broad Avenue Albany, Georgia 31701		

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.	Trustee, Vice President	Walter F. George School of Law Foundation, Inc.
2.	Member	Albany Symphony Association, Inc. Board of Directors
3.	Trustee	Mercer University
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.			
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.	2023	Gray Media Group Inc - Salary, TV News Anchor
2.	2023	Self-employed, Singer/Performer
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.	NYU Law, Center on Civil Justice	10/22-24, 2023	New York, New York	Discussion Panelist	transportation, loadging, meals
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

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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.	Richard Neuwirth	personal loan	J
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

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☐ 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 (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)	
1. E*Trade SecuritiesLLC Brokerage (H)									
2. -UEC common		None	J	T					
3. -UEC common		None			Sold (part)	09/12/23	J	B	
4. -ANLDF common		None	J	T					
5. -ELBM common (Y)									
6. -LAC common		None	J	T					
7. -LAC					Sold (part)	09/12/23	J	A	
8. -LAC					Sold (part)	09/12/23	J	A	
9. --LAAC common		None	J	T	Spinoff (from line 6)	10/04/23	J		
10. -IBATF common		None	K	T					
11. -IBATFcommon		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/02/23	J		
12. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	07/05/23	J		
13. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	10/31/23	J		
14. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/03/23	J		
15. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/09/23	J		
16. IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/16/23	J		
17. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	12/08/23	J		

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
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18. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	12/08/23	J		
19. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	12/14/23	J		
20. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	12/19/23	J		
21. -IBATF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	12/28/23	J		
22. -DBGI common (Y)									
23. -LXENF common (X)		None	J	T	Buy	02/08/23	J		
24. -LXENF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/16/23	J		
25. -LXENF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	03/21/23	J		
26. -LXENF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	05/10/23	J		
27. -LXENF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	05/16/23	J		
28. -LXENF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	09/05/23	J		
29. -LXENF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/03/23	J		
30. -LXENF common		None	J	T	Buy (add'l)	11/07/23	J		
31. -RYCEY common		None	J	T					
32. Gray Television, Inc. Capital Accumulation Plan (H)									
33. -American Funds American Balanced R6 (Y)									
34. -American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6	A	Dividend	J	T					

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35. -Loomis Sayles Core Plus Bond N	A	Dividend	K	T					
36. -Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	A	Dividend	J	T					
37. -AB Large CapGrowth I		None	J	T					
38. -Franklin Small Cap Growth R6 (Y)									
39. -Fidelity500 Index	A	Dividend	K	T					
40. -Fidelity Mid Cap Index	A	Dividend	J	T					
41. -Fidelity US Bond Index	A	Dividend	K	T					
42. -JP Morgan U. S. Value R6	A	Dividend	J	T					
43. -QACA Match Account	A	Dividend	J	T					
44. -T. Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trst A	A	Dividend	J	T					
45. -Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Z	A	Dividend	J	T					
46. -Fidelity Global ex US Index-	A	Dividend	K	T					
47. -Gray Television Unitized Stock (Y)									
48. -Employer Profit Sharing		None	J	T					
49. -American Beacon Small Cap Value R6	A	Dividend	J	T					
50. -Fidelity Advisor Small Cap Growth Z (Y)									
51. -Fidelity Total Market Indes (X)	A	Dividend	K	T					

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52. -Gray TV Stock (X)	A	Dividend	J	T					
53. -JPMorgan Mid Cap Value R6 (X)		None	J	T					
54. Principal Life Insurance Company (adustible life)	C	Dividend	K	T					
55. Coinbase Digital Trading Account (H)									
56. -Bitcoin digital currency		None	J	T					

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

(1) Line 2 shows the value of unsold UEC stock held as of 12/31/2023.

(2) Line 6 shows the value of unsold LAC stock held as of 12/31/2023.

(3) Line 10 shows the value of unsold IBATF stock held as of 12/31/2023.

(4) Line 31 shows the valud of RYCEY stock held as of 12/31/2023. The acquisition of this stock should have appeared on my 2023 Report. I will file an Amended 2023 Reprot to correct the oversight.

(5) Line 32 - This is a plan which is not managed directly by the owner but by a portfolio manager. The manager moves assets during the reporting period in and out of listed funds without the direction of the owner. Specifically, funds were moved out of the Gray Television Unitized Stock (Line47), the Fidelity Advisor Small Cap Growth Z (line 50) and the American Funds American Balanced R6 (Line 33) funds leaving zero balances on 12/31/2023. Transferred funds were initiated in 2023 for the Fidelity Total Market Index, (Line 51), the Gray TV Stock, (Line 52), and the JPMorgan Mid Cap Value R6, (Line 53), funds.

(6) Line 43 - QACA, erroneously indentified as "O"ACA in my 2023 Report at Part VII, Line 43, although identified as a match account, is in fact part of the 401(K) account, Gray Television, Inc. Capital Accumulation Plan, identified at Part VII, Line 32. "QACA" - Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement, consists of company/employer cash contributions, i.e., "source of money" for the Plan. No asset other than cash is placed or held therein. It is identified in the Plan as "QACA Match Account."

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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/ Willie L. Sands

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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