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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

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
Easterbrook, Frank H.	Seventh Circuit	05/12/2022
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	01/01/2021 **to** 12/31/2021
7. Chambers or Office Address		
219 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 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 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.	Senior Lecturer	University of Chicago
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.		
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. 2021	University of Chicago - salary	$29,000.16
2. 2021	Harvard University Press - royalty	$524.56
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. 2021	Alaska Communication Systems Retirement Plan
2. 2021	State of Alaska Retirement Plan
3. 2021	Lumen Pension [formerly called CenturyLink]
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		B		C		D				
Description of Assets (including trust assets)		Income during reporting period		Gross value at end of reporting period		Transactions during reporting period				
Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure		(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.	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	E	Dividend	P1	T					
2.	Vanguard Cash Red Fed MM Fund [formerly Prime Money Market Fund]									
3.	Vanguard High-Yield Tax Exempt Fund	B	Interest	L	T					
4.	TIAA Traditional Fund (in UC retirement account)		None	L	T					
5.	CREF Stock R3 Fund (in UC retirement account)		None	N	T					
6.	Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Fund (in IRA)	E	Dividend	N	T					
7.						Sold (part)	06/07/21	K	D	
8.						Sold (part)	06/08/21	J	C	
9.	Vanguard Short-Term Investment Grade Fund (in IRA)	B	Dividend	L	T					
10.	JPMorgan Chase Bank (checking account)	A	Interest	K	T					
11.	Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	E	Int./Div.	P1	T					
12.						Buy (add'l)	12/29/21	K		
13.						Sold (part)	12/29/21	K	D	
14.	TIAA-CREF									
15.	Vang Inst Idx Inst Plus (TIAA)		None	L	T					
16.	Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx InsPl (TIAA)		None	O	T					
17.	Vang Federal Mny Mkt Inv (TIAA)		None	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. Vang Inst Tg Rtm Inc Inst (TIAA)		None	J	T					
19. Vang Inst Idx Inst Plus (CREF)		None	L	T					
20. Vanguard Total InStixlsPs (CREF)		None	M	T					
21. Vang Ttl Bd Mkt Idx InsPl (CREF)		None	O	T					
22. Vang Federal Mny Mkt Inv (CREF)		None	K	T					
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VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS. *(Indicate part of report.)*

1. (Part III.A): I have received the approval of the Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit to teach at the University of Chicago. This income therefore is "outside earned income" rather than an "honorarium" within the meaning of the Ethics Reform Act of 1989. I accepted gross income exceeding the statutory cap (15% of Level II of the Executive Schedule) because, under §3(b) of the regulations of the Judicial Conference implementing this statute, "outside earned income" includes only net taxable income, and therefore excludes pension contributions as well as the "ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred in producing this income." Some of the income reported in Part III.A was contributed to a pension plan through the University of Chicago as part of a salary reduction plan and therefore does not count for statutory purposes. Moreover, the ordinary and necessary expenses of producing the income--including the cost of commuting between the courthouse and the Law School and the expenses of equipment and books for my Law School office--are substantial. Net taxable income is less than the statutory maximum.

2. (Part VII): Dividends and capital gains from all mutual funds listed in Part VII are reinvested automatically.

3. (Part VII): Income from my TIAA-CREF retirement accounts is shown as "none" because TIAA-CREF does not supply income information. Statements show the change in each portfolio's value over the course of each quarter but not how much of that change is attributable to income (interest or dividends) and how much to change in the market price of the investments. It is accordingly impossible to disentangle these components.

4. (Part VII): [redacted] turned 70 1/2 in 2018, so in 2019 [redacted] became subject to required minimum distributions for income-tax reasons. My 2019 report showed sales and reinvestments accordingly. Distributions were not required in 2020, and none was taken in my [redacted] accounts. In 2021 both my [redacted] and I took required distributions. I am required to take distributions from my Vanguard IRA but not my TIAA/CREF funds (because the University of Chicago continues to pay me a salary and make pension contributions to TIAA/CREF). My distributions from a Vanguard IRA were sent to charities. My [redacted] distributions were immediately reinvested, after withholding taxes; that is the pair of transactions reported in Vanguard Balanced Index Fund for 12/29/21.

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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/ Frank H. Easterbrook

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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