

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007**

Report Required by the Ethics  
in Government Act of 1978  
(5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

<b>1. Person Reporting</b> (last name, first, middle initial)  Steele, John E	<b>2. Court or Organization</b>  District Court, Middle Florida	<b>3. Date of Report</b>  05/5/2008
<b>4. Title</b> (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)  U.S. District Judge, Active	<b>5a. Report Type</b> (check appropriate type) <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination,                      Date <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final <b>5b.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Report	<b>6. Reporting Period</b>  01/01/2007 to 12/31/2007
<b>7. Chambers or Office Address</b>  U.S. Courthouse 2110 First Street, Ste 6-109 Fort Myers, FL 33901	<b>8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.</b>  Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____	
<p><b>IMPORTANT NOTES:</b> The instructions accompanying this form must be followed. Complete all parts, checking the NONE box for each part where you have no reportable information. Sign on last page.</p>		

**I. POSITIONS.** (Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of filing instructions.)

NONE (No reportable positions.)

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY</u>
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____

**II. AGREEMENTS.** (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of filing instructions.)

NONE (No reportable agreements.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTIES AND TERMS</u>
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____

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**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.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>	<u>INCOME</u> <i>(yours, not spouse's)</i>
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.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>
1. 2007	Self-Employed, real estate/consultant/massage therapist
2.	
3.	
4.	

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

*(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 25-27 of filing instructions.)*

NONE *(No reportable reimbursements.)*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED</u>
1.				
2.				
3.				
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**V. GIFTS.** *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 28-31 of filing instructions.)* NONE *(No reportable gifts.)*

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
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.)*

	<u>CREDITOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE CODE</u>
1.	Wachovia	(Second Home/rental property) Home Equity Line of Credit	M
2.	EMC	Mortgage on Investment Property #4 (River), April, 2006	M
3.	GMAC	Mortgage on Investment Property #2 (Sandy), October, 2006	M
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		C. Gross value at end of reporting period		D. Transactions during reporting period				
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1. Second Home, Blowing Rock, N.C. May, 1988 \$110,000	D	Rent	M	R					
2. Bank of America Accounts	A	Interest	J	T					
3. Jax Fed Cr Un Acct	A	Interest	J	T					
4. Abbott Labs common	A	Dividend	J	T					
5. Disney common	A	Dividend	J	T					
6. Merck common	A	Dividend	J	T					
7. Public Storage	A	Dividend	K	T					
8. Home Depot common IRA	A	Dividend	L	T					
9. Thermo Fisher common IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
10. Tyson Class A IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
11. Fidelity Money Mrk IRA #1	A	Dividend	J	T					
12. Valic Fixed Acct Plus IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
13. Intentionally blank									
14. Intentionally blank									
15. Gabelli Eq Tr IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
16. Mutual Series Shares IRA	A	Dividend	K	T					
17. Spartan Money Mkt IRA	A	Interest	K	T					

1. Income Gain Codes: (See Columns B1 and D4)	A = \$1,000 or less F = \$50,001 - \$100,000	B = \$1,001 - \$2,500 G = \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	C = \$2,501 - \$5,000 H1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	D = \$5,001 - \$15,000 H2 = More than \$5,000,000	E = \$15,001 - \$50,000
2. Value Codes (See Columns C1 and D3)	J = \$15,000 or less N = \$250,001 - \$500,000 P3 = \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	K = \$15,001 - \$50,000 O = \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	L = \$50,001 - \$100,000 P1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 P4 = More than \$50,000,000	M = \$100,001 - \$250,000 P2 = \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	
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18. Fidelity Money Mkt IRA #2	A	Dividend	K	T					
19. VanKampen Corp Bond Fund, IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
20. Tamarack Enterprise mutual	A	Dividend	J	T					
21. Fidelity Brokerage, cash acct	A	Interest	J	T					
22. Columbia Tax-Exempt Fund Z	A	Dividend	J	T					
23. T.Rowe Price Eq. mutual	A	Dividend	J	T					
24. Parnassus mutual	A	Dividend	J	T					
25. Fidelity Diver Internat IRA	A	Dividend	K	T					
26. Fidelity Short Term Bond IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
27. McDonalds common	A	Dividend	J	T					
28. Intentionally blank									
29. Intentionally blank									
30. Intentionally blank									
31. Lot, Blowing Rock, N.C., 1993, \$15,000		None	J	R					
32. Intentionally blank									
33. Intentionally blank									
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35. Intentionally blank									
36. Intentionally blank									
37. Century Telephone common	A	Dividend	J	T					
38. Focus Fund	A	Dividend	J	T					
39. Intentionally blank									
40. Quantum Corp DDS IRA common	A	Dividend	J	T					
41. Wachovia accounts	A	Interest	J	T					
42. NVR common	A	Dividend	J	T					
43. Viasys Healthcare Inc.common, IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
44. Bed, Bath & Beyond common	A	Dividend	J	T					
45. Intentionally blank									
46. North Fort Myers Invest. Prop#2(Sandy), 12/7/05, \$256,000,	D	Rent	N	R					
47. Intentionally blank									
48. Intentionally blank									
49. Loan Receivable, [REDACTED]		None	K	T					
50. Intentionally blank, duplicate of line 53									
51. Baron Partners, IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					

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52. Am Funds-Growth Fund IRA	A	Dividend	K	T					
53. Dreyfus S&P500 Index IRA	A	Dividend	K	T					
54. American Funds Cap. World Global IRA	A	Dividend	K	T					
55. Fort Myers Fl. Investment Prop#4, 4/06 \$251,000 (River)	D	Rent	N	R					
56. Intentionally blank									
57. Fidelity Sep - IRA	A	Dividend	J	T					
58. Neuberger Berman Focus Fund (X)	A	Dividend	J	T					
59. Synovus Common (X)	A	Dividend	J	T					

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

Section VI, line 2: Mortgage assigned from HomeBanc to EMC



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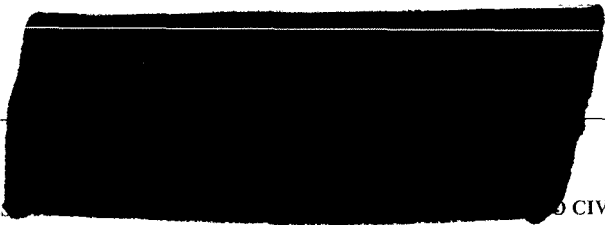
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**IX. CERTIFICATION.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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