

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008**

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

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| <b>1. Person Reporting</b> (last name, first, middle initial)<br><br>Blackburn, Sharon L.  | <b>2. Court or Organization</b><br><br>U.S. District Court - ND/AL  | <b>3. Date of Report</b><br><br>05/15/2009                       |
| <b>4. Title</b> (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time)<br><br>Chief U.S. District Judge  | <b>5a. Report Type</b> (check appropriate type)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Nomination,                      Date<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final<br><b>5b.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Report | <b>6. Reporting Period</b><br><br>01/01/2008<br>to<br>12/31/2008 |
| <b>7. Chambers or Office Address</b><br><br>581 Hugo Black US Courthouse<br>1729 5th Avenue North<br>Birmingham, AL 35203  | <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><br><br>Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____  |  |
| <p align="center"><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. Board of Directors           | Leadership Birmingham                                       |
| 2. President's Advisory Council | Birmingham Southern College                                 |
| 3. Trustee (See Section VIII)   | The J. Craig and Page T. Smith Scholarship Foundation, Inc. |
| 4. Trustee (See Section VIII)   | The Robert Meyer Foundation                                 |
| 5. Advisory Board of Directors  | Community Grief Support Service                             |
| 6. Advisory Board               | Laps for CF Organization Foundation                         |

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**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><br><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.          |                        |
| 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.            |              |                 |                |                               |
| 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.)*

| <u>SOURCE</u>   | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                           | <u>VALUE</u> |
|---|--|--------------|
| 1. Foundation for Research on Economics & the Environment (FREE) Conference | Terrorism, Civil Liberty & National Security | \$959.00     |
| 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. Citibank Visa | Credit Card        | J                 |
| 2.               |                    |                   |
| 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.<br>Description of Assets<br>(including trust assets)<br><br>Place "(X)" after each asset<br>exempt from prior disclosure | B.<br>Income during<br>reporting period |   | C.<br>Gross value at end of<br>reporting period |   | D.<br>Transactions during reporting period      |                               |                                 |                                |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
|   | (1)<br>Amount<br>Code 1<br>(A-H)        | (2)<br>Type (e.g.,<br>div., rent,<br>or int.) | (1)<br>Value<br>Code 2<br>(J-P)                 | (2)<br>Value<br>Method<br>Code 3<br>(Q-W) | (1)<br>Type (e.g.,<br>buy, sell,<br>redemption) | (2)<br>Date<br>Month -<br>Day | (3)<br>Value<br>Code 2<br>(J-P) | (4)<br>Gain<br>Code 1<br>(A-H) | (5)<br>Identity of<br>buyer/seller<br>(if private<br>transaction) |
| 1. B'ham Fed. Employees Credit Union Acct.  | A                                       | Interest                                      | J   | T   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 2. IRA - Fed. Kemper Life Ins. Fixed Annuity  | A                                       | Interest                                      | J   | T   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 3. IRA - SunAmerica Flexible Premium Annuity  | A                                       | Interest                                      | J   | T   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 4. IRA - Fidelity & Guar. Life Ins. Fixed Annuity   | A                                       | Interest                                      | J   | T   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 5. First American Bank Account  | C                                       | Interest                                      | K   | T   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 6. Non-producing min/ royalty int Esc and Con ecuh Co, Al   | B                                       | Royalty                                       | K   | T   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 7. Real Estate, Escambia County, AL   | A                                       | Dividend                                      | L   | T   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 8.  |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 9.  |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 10.   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 11.   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 12.   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 13.   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 14.   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 15.   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 16.   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |
| 17.   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |                                 |                                |   |

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|--|---|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Income Gain Codes:<br>(See Columns B1 and D4) | A = \$1,000 or less<br>F = \$50,001 - \$100,000                                       | B = \$1,001 - \$2,500<br>G = \$100,001 - \$1,000,000   | C = \$2,501 - \$5,000<br>H1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000                                   | D = \$5,001 - \$15,000<br>H2 = More than \$5,000,000         | E = \$15,001 - \$50,000 |
| 2. Value Codes<br>(See Columns C1 and D3)        | J = \$15,000 or less<br>N = \$250,001 - \$500,000<br>P3 = \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000 | K = \$15,001 - \$50,000<br>O = \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | L = \$50,001 - \$100,000<br>P1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000<br>P4 = More than \$50,000,000 | M = \$100,001 - \$250,000<br>P2 = \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000 |                         |
| 3. Value Method Codes<br>(See Column C2)         | Q = Appraisal<br>U = Book Value   | R = Cost (Real Estate Only)<br>V = Other               | S = Assessment<br>W = Estimated   | T = Cash Market  |                         |

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

I am a Trustee in two organizations listed in Section I. One awards scholarships to high school students; one awards grants to civic or charitable organizations. I am not involved in the management of the assets of either Foundation.

The asset listed in paragraph six of last year's report (Real Estate, Escambia County, AL) was sold (as indicated in last year's Financial Disclosure Report); therefore, it is omitted from this year's 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

**NOTE: ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY FALSIFIES OR FAILS TO FILE THIS REPORT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS (5 U.S.C. app. § 104)**

### FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail signed original and 3 additional copies to:

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Administrative Office of the United States Courts  
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