

**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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| 1. Person Reporting (last name, first, middle initial) Steele, John E. | 2. Court or Organization District Court, Middle Florida | 3. Date of Report 05/11/2009 |
| 4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) U.S. District Judge, Active | 5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination, Date <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final 5b. <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Report | 6. Reporting Period 01/01/2008 to 12/31/2008 |
| 7. Chambers or Office Address U.S. Courthouse 2110 First Street, Ste 6-109 Fort Myers, FL 33901 | 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. Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____ | |
| 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. Sign on last page. | | |

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> |
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| 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> |
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| 1. | | |
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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. 2008 | Self-Employed, real estate/consultant |
| 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. The Florida Bar | May 6-10, 2008 | Gainesville, Florida | Trial Practice Faculty | Room, meals |
| 2. | | | | |
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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> |
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| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
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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 | (rental property) Home Equity Line of Credit | L |
| 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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|--|---|----------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. [REDACTED] Blowing Rock, N.C. May, 1 988 \$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 | K | 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. Ascension Health Savings Plan | 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 | J | T | | | | | |
| 17. Spartan Money Mkt IRA | A | Interest | K | T | | | | | |

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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 | Buy | 6/14 | J | A | |
| 23. T. Rowe Price Equity Income 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| 34. Intentionally blank | | | | | | | | | |

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| 35. Intentionally blank | | | | | | | | | |
| 36. Intentionally blank | | | | | | | | | |
| 37. Century Telephone common | A | Dividend | J | T | | | | | |
| 38. Intentionally blank | | | | | | | | | |
| 39. Intentionally blank | | | | | | | | | |
| 40. Quantum Corp DDS IRA common | | None | J | T | | | | | |
| 41. Wachovia accounts | A | Interest | J | T | | | | | |
| 42. NVR common | | None | 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,Flinvest. Prop#2(Sandy), 12/7/05, \$256,000, | D | Rent | N | R | | | | | |
| 47. Intentionally blank | | | | | | | | | |
| 48. Intentionally blank | | | | | | | | | |
| 49. Loan Receivable, ██████████ | | None | K | T | | | | | |
| 50. Intentionally blank, | | | | | | | | | |
| 51. Baron Partners, IRA | A | Dividend | J | T | | | | | |

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| 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 \$2 \$1,000 (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.)*

Line 12: Name change

Line 22: Also redemption on 11/14, J, A. Couldn't get program to accept two entries.

Line 23 Complete name of fund included

Line 38 Entry deleted; duplicate of line 58

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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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