

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

Chambers of  
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United States District Judge

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March 6, 2009

*Via Federal Express*

Committee on Financial Disclosure  
Administrative Office of the United States Courts  
One Columbus Circle, N.E. Ste. 2-301  
Washington, D.C. 20544

RE: Calendar Year 2008 Financial Disclosure Report

Dear Members of the Committee:

Enclosed please find my original Financial Disclosure Report for calendar year 2008. In addition, I am enclosing three copies as you have requested.

By copy of this letter, I am providing our Clerk of Court in Omaha, Nebraska, and the Deputy-in-Charge in Lincoln, Nebraska, with a copy of my Financial Disclosure Report for calendar year 2008. They are instructed to make this report available to the public if requested. They may also publish this report on our external website.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Richard G. Kopf  
United States District Judge

Enclosures

cc: Denise M. Lucks, Clerk of Court (with enclosure)  
Patricia S. Merritt, Deputy-in-Charge (with enclosure)

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008**

<b>1. Person Reporting</b> (last name, first, middle initial) Kopf, Richard G.	<b>2. Court or Organization</b> U.S. Dist.Ct. Dist.of Nebraska	<b>3. Date of Report</b> 3/6/2009
<b>4. Title</b> (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) Article III 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> 01/01/2008 to 12/31/2008
<b>7. Chambers or Office Address</b> 586 Federal Building 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, NE 68508	<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 _____	
<b>IMPORTANT NOTES:</b> <i>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>		

**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. Chairman of the Board	Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit
2. Attorney-in-Fact-1	Holder of Power of Attorney for Adult Daughter in Foreign Country
3. Attorney-in-Fact-2	Holder of Power of Attorney for Adult Son in Foreign Country
4. Administrator	Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court
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> (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.)

<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.				
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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.			
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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>
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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. 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				
	(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 Month - Day	(3) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code 1 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)

1. Wells Fargo Bank, Lincoln, NE (Cash)	A	Interest	K	T					
2. Equitable Life Insurance, Des Moines, IA (Variable Life)		None	L	T					
3. Equitable Life Insurance, Des Moines, IA (Annuity)		None	J	T					
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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	
3. Value Method Codes (See Column C2)	Q = Appraisal U = Book Value	R = Cost (Real Estate Only) V = Other	S = Assessment W = Estimated	T = Cash Market	

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

As noted in Part I, I held two powers of attorney, one each for two different adult children both of whom reside in different foreign countries. These persons are not dependent upon me for support. For each adult child, I exercised control over a non-interest bearing account. I was not aware of and did not exercise control over reportable items. Prior to making this disclosure, I conferred with Ralph Watkins, a staff member of the Committee on Financial Disclosure, and I have made this disclosure consistent with the advice that I received from him. Although advised that I need not identify the persons for whom I hold the powers of attorney and while I have also been advised that I am not required to provide other identifying information, I have personally elected to do so.

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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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