

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

State/District officials file with:  
Cole Jester, Secretary of State  
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Little Rock, AR 72201  
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## SECTION 1- NAME AND ADDRESS

Name Shepherd John Thomas  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
Address 520 E. 9th El Dorado AR 71730  
(Street or P.O. Box Number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)  
Phone (870) 814-1040

Spouse's name Shepherd Molly Summers  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

All names under which you and/or your spouse do business: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING

- Public Official Circuit Judge – Judicial District 13, Division 4  
(office held)
- Candidate \_\_\_\_\_  
(office sought)
- District Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of district)
- City Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of city)
- State Government: Agency Head/Department Director/Division Director \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of agency/department/division)
- Chief of Staff or Chief Deputy \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of Constitutional Officer, Senate, or House of Representatives)
- Public appointee to State Board or Commission Uniform Law Commission  
(name of board/commission)
- School Board member \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of school district)
- Candidate for school board \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of school district)
- Public or Charter School Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of school district/school)
- Executive Director of Education Service Cooperative \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of cooperative)
- Advertising and Promotion Commission member \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of advertising and promotion commission)
- Research Park Authority Board member under A.C.A. § 14-144-201 et seq. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of research park authority board)

**FILED**

**JAN 29 2025**

**Arkansas  
Secretary of State**





**SECTION 4- BUSINESS OR HOLDINGS**

List the name of every business in which you, your spouse or any other person for the use or benefit of you or your spouse have an investment or holding. Individual stock holdings should be disclosed. Figures should be based on fair market value at the end of the reporting period.

- a) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500

Arkansas Diamond Deferred Plan

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

400 W. Capitol, Suite 1611, Little Rock, AR 72201

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

- b) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500

Washington Mutual Investments - CLA

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 6007 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6007

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd and Molly Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

- c) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500

American Growth Fund of America

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 6007 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6007

(address)

Molly Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

- d) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500

Fundamental Investments

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 2280 Norfolk, VA 23501

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

- e) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500

Blackrock Health Sciences

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 9819 Providence, RI 02940-8019

(address)

Molly Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

- f) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500

MFS Mid Cap Value

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

500 Boylston St. Boston, MA 02116

(address)

Molly Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

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a) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Capital Income Builder  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
P.O. Box 2560 Norfolk, VA 23501  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
John Thomas Shepherd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

b) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
American Balanced Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
P.O. Box 2560 Norfolk, VA 23501  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
John Thomas Shepherd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

c) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Intermediate Bond Fund of America  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
P.O. Box 2560 Norfolk, VA 23501  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
John Thomas Shepherd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

d) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
AMCAP Fund  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
333 S. Hope St. 55<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
John Thomas Shepherd and Molly Shepherd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

e) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Clearbridge Small Cap Class A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
P.O. Box 219078 Kansas City, MO 64121  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
Molly Shepherd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

f) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Investments Company of America  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
P.O. Box 2580 Norfolk, VA 23501  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
Molly Shepherd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

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List the name of every business in which you, your spouse or any other person for the use or benefit of you or your spouse have an investment or holding. Individual stock holdings should be disclosed. Figures should be based on fair market value at the end of the reporting period.

a) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Growth Fund of America – R4

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 2560 Norfolk, VA 23501

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

b) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Europacific Growth Fund

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

333 S. Hope St. 55<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd and Molly Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

c) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Law Offices Shepherd & Shepherd, P.A.

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

200 N. Jefferson, Suite 600, El Dorado, AR 71730

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

d) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Shepherd Investments, LLC

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

200 N. Jefferson, Suite 600, El Dorado, AR 71730

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

e) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Invesco Real Estate

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 219078 Kansas City, MO 64121

(address)

Molly Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

f) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Investments Company of America

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 2580 Norfolk, VA 23501

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

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a) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Capital World Growth & Income – R4

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 2560 Norfolk, VA 23501

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

b) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Europacific Growth Fund

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

333 S. Hope St. 55<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

c) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
John Hancock Regional Bank

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 55913 Boston, MA 02205

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

d) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Clearbridge Small Cap – CL A

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

100 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902

(address)

John Thomas Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

e) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
American Funds Investment Company of America

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

P.O. Box 2280 Norfolk, VA 23501

(address)

Molly Shepherd

(name under which investment held)

f) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

(address)

(name under which investment held)

**SECTION 5- OFFICE OR DIRECTORSHIP**

List every office or directorship held by you or your spouse in any business, corporation, firm, or enterprise subject to jurisdiction of a regulatory agency of this State, or of any of its political subdivisions.

a) Law Offices Shepherd & Shepherd, P.A.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of business, corporation, firm, or enterprise)  
200 N. Jefferson, Suite 600, El Dorado, AR 71730  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
Vice President and Director  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(office or directorship held)  
John Thomas Shepherd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of office holder)

b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of business, corporation, firm, or enterprise)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(office or directorship held)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of office holder)

**SECTION 6- CREDITORS**

List each creditor to whom the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more was personally owed or personally obligated and is still outstanding. (This does not include debts owed to members of your family or loans made in the ordinary course of business by either a financial institution or a person who regularly and customarily extends credit.)

a) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of creditor)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address of creditor)

b) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of creditor)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address of creditor)

c) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of creditor)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address of creditor)

**SECTION 7- PAST-DUE AMOUNTS OWED TO GOVERNMENT**

List the name and address of each governmental body to which you are legally obligated to pay a past-due amount and a description of the nature of the amount of the obligation.

a) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of governmental body) (address of governmental body)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(amount owed) (nature of the obligation)

b) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of governmental body) (address of governmental body)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(amount owed) (nature of the obligation)



**SECTION 10- AWARDS**

If you are an employee of a public school district, the Arkansas School for the Blind, the Arkansas School for the Deaf, the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, a university, a college, a technical college, a technical institute, a comprehensive life-long learning center, or a community college, the law requires you to disclose each monetary or other award over one hundred dollars (\$100) which you have received in recognition of your contributions to education. The information disclosed with respect to each such award should include the source, date, description, and a reasonable estimate of the fair market value.

a) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(description of award)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_ (fair market value)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(source of award)

b) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(description of award)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_ (fair market value)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(source of award)

c) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(description of award)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_ (fair market value)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(source of award)

d) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(description of award)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_ (fair market value)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(source of award)

**SECTION 11- NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES OF PAYMENT**

List each nongovernmental source of payment of your expenses for food, lodging, or travel which bears a relationship to your office when you appear in your official capacity when the expenses incurred exceed \$150.

a) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person or organization paying expense)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(business address) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(date of expense) \_\_\_\_\_ (amount of expense)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(nature of expenditure)

b) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person or organization paying expense)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(business address) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(date of expense) \_\_\_\_\_ (amount of expense)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(nature of expenditure)

**SECTION 12- DIRECT REGULATION OF BUSINESS**

List any business which employs you and is under direct regulation or subject to direct control by the governmental body which you serve.

a) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of business)

\_\_\_\_\_ (governmental body which regulates or controls)

b) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of business)

\_\_\_\_\_ (governmental body which regulates or controls)

c) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of business)

\_\_\_\_\_ (governmental body which regulates or controls)

d) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of business)

\_\_\_\_\_ (governmental body which regulates or controls)

**SECTION 13- SALES TO GOVERNMENTAL BODY**

List the goods or services sold to the governmental body for which you serve which have a total annual value in excess of \$1,000. List the compensation paid for each category of goods or services sold by you or any business in which you or your spouse is an officer, director, or stockholder owning more than 10% of the stock of the company.

a) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_ (goods or services)

\_\_\_\_\_ (governmental body to whom sold)

\_\_\_\_\_ (compensation paid)

b) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_ (goods or services)

\_\_\_\_\_ (governmental body to whom sold)

\_\_\_\_\_ (compensation paid)

c) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_ (goods or services)

\_\_\_\_\_ (governmental body to whom sold)

\_\_\_\_\_ (compensation paid)


d) N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_ (goods or services)

\_\_\_\_\_ (governmental body to whom sold)

\_\_\_\_\_ (compensation paid)

**SECTION 14- SIGNATURE**

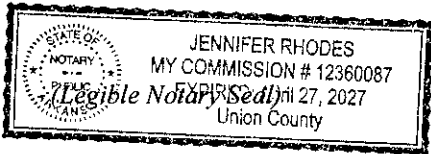
I certify under penalty of false swearing that the above information is true and correct.

  
Signature

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF Union } ss

Subscribed and sworn before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 20 25.



  
Notary Public

My commission expires: April 27, 2027

Note: If faxed, notary seal must be legible (i.e., either stamped or raised and inked) and the original must follow within ten (10) days pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-703(b)(3).

**IMPORTANT**

**Where to file:**

- State or district candidates/public servants file with the Secretary of State.
- Appointees to state boards/commissions file with the Secretary of State.
- County, township, and school district candidates/public servants file with the county clerk.
- Municipal candidates/public servants file with the city clerk or recorder, as the case may be.
- City attorneys file with the city clerk of the municipality in which they serve.
- District judges file with the Secretary of State.
- Members of regional boards or commissions file with the county clerk of the county in which they reside.

**General Information:**

- \* The Statement of Financial Interest should be filed by January 31 of each year.
- \* The filing covers the previous calendar year.
- \* Candidates for elective office shall file the Statement of Financial Interest for the previous calendar year on the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for elective office unless already filed by January 31. In addition, if the party filing period ends before January 1 of the year of the general election, candidates for elective office shall file a Statement of Financial Interest for the previous calendar year by no later than January 31 of the year of the general election.
- \* Agency heads, department directors, and division directors of state government shall file the Statement of Financial Interest within thirty (30) days of appointment or employment unless already filed by January 31.
- \* Appointees to state boards or commissions shall file the Statement of Financial Interest within thirty (30) days after appointment unless already filed by January 31.
- \* If a person is included in any category listed above for any part of a calendar year, that person shall file a Statement of Financial Interest covering that period of time regardless of whether they have left their office or position as of the date the statement is due.