

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

State/District officials file with:
Mark Martin, Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 026
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone (501) 682-5070
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Calendar year covered 2023
(Note: Filing covers the previous calendar year)

For assistance in completing
this form contact:
Arkansas Ethics Commission
Post Office Box 1917
Little Rock, AR 72203
Phone (501) 324-9600
Toll Free (800) 422-7773

Is this an amendment? Yes No

Please provide complete information. If the information requested in a particular section does not apply to you, indicate such by noting "Not Applicable" in that section. Do not leave any part of this form blank. If additional space is needed, you may attach the information to this document.

SECTION 1- NAME AND ADDRESS

Name Johnson Ben F.
(Last) (First) (Middle)
Address 1329 Wt. Holly Road El Dorado AR 71730
(Street or P.O. Box Number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
Phone 870-314-6768
Spouse's name Johnson Sherrel F.
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING

- Public Official _____ (office held)
- Candidate _____ (office sought)
- District Judge _____ (name of municipality)
- 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 State Review Board, AHPP (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)
- Appointee to one of the following municipal, county or regional boards or commissions (list name of board or commission):
 - Planning board or commission _____
 - Airport board or commission _____
 - Water or Sewer board or commission _____
 - Utility board or commission _____
 - Civil Service commission _____

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SECTION 3- SOURCE OF INCOME

List each employer and/or each other source of income from which you, your spouse, or any other person for the use or benefit of you or your spouse receives gross income amounting to more than \$1,000. (You are not required to disclose the individual items of income that constitute a portion of the gross income of the business or profession from which you or your spouse derives income. For example: accountants, attorneys, farmers, contractors, etc. do not have to list their individual clients.) If you receive gross income exceeding \$1,000 from at least one source, the answer N/A is not correct.

a) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Union County Water Conservation Board
(name of employer or source of income)
441 W. Cedar, El Dorado 71730
(address)
Sherrel Johnson
(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received Project Development,
Ground Water Data Manager, Grant Officer

b) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Social Security
(name of employer or source of income)
Sherrel & Ben Johnson
(address)
(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received Federal
Program

c) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
TIAA
(name of employer or source of income)
730 Third Ave. NYC
(address)
Ben F. Johnson
(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received Retirement
Done Hts / Retired college professor

d) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Patterson Trusts
(name of employer or source of income)
First State Bank, Carthage, Texas
(address)
Sherrel F. Johnson
(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received Beneficiary
Family Trust

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a) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Principal / ACCE Retirement
(name of employer or source of income)

Sherrel F. Johnson (address)
(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received Retirement
Benefits

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

(name of employer or source of income)

(address)

(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received _____

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

(name of employer or source of income)

(address)

(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received _____

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

(name of employer or source of income)

(address)

(name under which income received)

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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
Edward D. Jones
Stock Portfolio Account (name of corporation, firm or enterprise) [see list of individual stocks attached]
Sherrel F. & Ben F. Johnson (address)
(name under which investment held)

b) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Fidelity Funds
PO Box 2001 (name of corporation, firm or enterprise) Cincinnati, OH
Sherrel F. Johnson (address) (Retirement Holdings)
(name under which investment held)

c) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Van Guard Funds
PO Box 1259 (name of corporation, firm or enterprise) Charlotte, NC 28201
(address)
(name under which investment held)

d) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
First Financial Bank (name of corporation, firm or enterprise) [Certificates of Deposit]
1300 East Main Street, El Dorado 71731 (address)
Sherrel F. & Ben F. Johnson
(name under which investment held)

e) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
US Treasury Dept. (name of corporation, firm or enterprise)
I-Bonds (address)
Sherrel F. & Ben F. Johnson
(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)

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Individual Stock Holdings, December 2023

Owners: Sherrel and Ben Johnson

Corning Incorporated

Delek US Holdings, Inc.

Entergy Corporation

Ford Motor Company

General Electric Company

LSB Industries

Mattel, Inc.

Mondelez International, Inc.

Murphy USA, Inc.

New York Times

Paramount Global

PayPal Holdings, Inc

Scholastic Corp.

Scott's Miracle Grow

Skechers USA

Sonic Automotive

Standard Lithium, Ltd.

Tesla, Inc.

Walgreen Boots Alliance

Walt Disney Company

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) N/A
(name of business, corporation, firm, or enterprise)

(address)

(office or directorship held)

(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) _____
(name of creditor)

(address of creditor)
- c) _____
(name of creditor)

(address of creditor)

SECTION 7- GUARANTOR OR CO-MAKER

List each guarantor or co-maker who has guaranteed a debt of yours that is still outstanding. (This includes debt guarantors arising or extended and refinanced after Jan. 1, 1989. Members of your family who are your guarantors are not required to be disclosed.)

- a) N/A
(name)

(address)
- b) _____
(name)

(address)

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SECTION 8- GIFTS

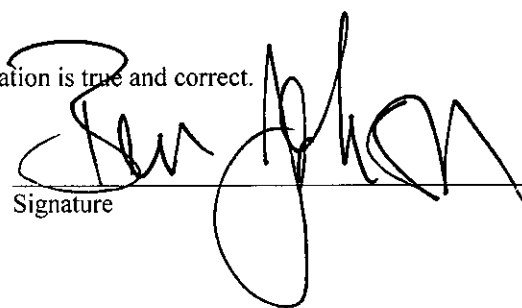
List the source, date, description, and a reasonable estimate of the fair market value of each gift of more than \$100 received by you or your spouse and of each gift of more than \$250 received by your dependent children. The term "gift" is defined as "any payment, entertainment, advance, services, or anything of value unless consideration of equal or greater value has been given therefor." There are a number of exceptions to the definition of "gift." Those exceptions are set forth in the Instructions for Statement of Financial Interest prepared for use with this form. (Note: The value of an item shall be considered to be less than \$100 if the public servant reimburses the person from whom the item was received any amount over \$100 and the reimbursement occurs within ten (10) days from the date the item was received.)

a)		(description of gift)	
	(date)		(fair market value)
		(source of gift)	
b)		(description of gift)	
	(date)		(fair market value)
		(source of gift)	
c)		(description of gift)	
	(date)		(fair market value)
		(source of gift)	
d)		(description of gift)	
	(date)		(fair market value)
		(source of gift)	
e)		(description of gift)	
	(date)		(fair market value)
		(source of gift)	
f)		(description of gift)	
	(date)		(fair market value)
		(source of gift)	
g)		(description of gift)	
	(date)		(fair market value)
		(source of gift)	

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SECTION 13- SIGNATURE

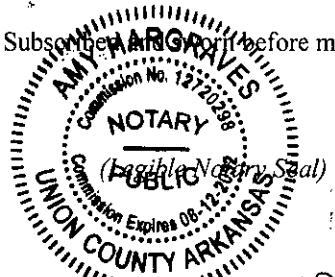
I certify under penalty of false swearing that the above information is true and correct.

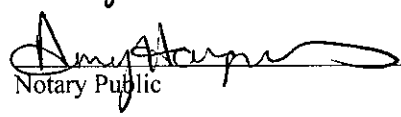

Signature

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF Union } ss

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of February, 2024.




Notary Public

My commission expires: 08/12/2032

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.
- 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.
- Municipal judges and city attorneys file with the city clerk of the municipality in which they serve.
- 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.
- * 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.

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Fayetteville, Arkansas 71730

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