

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

State/District officials file with:  
John Thurston, Secretary of State  
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Little Rock, AR 72201  
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(Note: Filing covers the previous calendar year)

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Arkansas Ethics Commission  
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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. Do not file this form with the Arkansas Ethics Commission.

## SECTION 1- NAME AND ADDRESS

Name	<u>Sharp III</u>	<u>James</u>	<u>Baxter</u>
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
Address	<u>P. O. Box 552</u>	<u>Brinkley</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>
	(Street or P.O. Box Number)	(City)	(State)
Phone	<u>(870)734-4060</u>		<u>72021</u>
			(Zip Code)
Spouse's name	<u>Pruitt</u>	<u>John</u>	<u>Rick</u>
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
All names under which you and/or your spouse do business:	<u>Sharp &amp; Sharp, PA</u>		

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## SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING

- Public Official \_\_\_\_\_  
(office held)
- Candidate \_\_\_\_\_  
(office sought)
- District Judge Monroe County District Court, Clarendon and Holly Grove Divisions  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(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)



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  
Clarendon Holding Company (name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
P. O. Box 280, Clarendon, Arkansas 72029 (address)  
J. Baxter Sharp III (name under which investment held)
- b) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Farming (name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
P. O. Box 552, Brinkley, Arkansas 72021 (address)  
J. Baxter Sharp III (name under which investment held)
- c) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Exxon Mobil Corporation (name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
5959 Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, Texas 75039 (address)  
J. Baxter Sharp III (name under which investment held)
- d) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Johnson & Johnson (name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933 (address)  
J. Baxter Sharp III (name under which investment held)
- e) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
The Coca-Cola Company (name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
P. O. Box 1734, Atlanta, GA 30301 (address)  
J. Baxter Sharp III (name under which investment held)
- f) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Wal-Mart de Mexico S.A. de C.V. (name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
J. Baxter Sharp III (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) Merchants and Planters Bank, Clarendon Holding Company  
(name of business, corporation, firm, or enterprise)  
P. O. Box 280, Clarendon, Arkansas 72029  
(address)  
Chairman of the Board  
(office or directorship held)  
J. Baxter Sharp III  
(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)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_  
(address of creditor)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of creditor)
- c) \_\_\_\_\_  
(address of creditor)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_  
(amount owed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(nature of the obligation)
- c) \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of governmental body) \_\_\_\_\_  
(address of governmental body)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(amount owed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(nature of the obligation)

SECTION 8- 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)

SECTION 9- 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) N/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)

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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(description of award)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_ (fair market value)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(source of award)

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

d) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of business)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(governmental body which regulates or controls)
- c) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of business)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(governmental body which regulates or controls)
- d) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(compensation paid)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(goods or services)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(governmental body to whom sold)
- c) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(compensation paid)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(goods or services)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(governmental body to whom sold)
- d) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(compensation paid)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(goods or services)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(governmental body to whom sold)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(compensation paid)

Section 3 –

d) more than \$12,500  
City of Brinkley  
233 West Cedar Street  
Brinkley, AR 72021  
James Baxter Sharp III  
City Attorney

e) more than \$1,000.00  
City of Holly Grove  
P. O. Box 430  
Holly Grove, AR 72069  
J. Baxter Sharp III  
District Court Judge

f) more than \$12,500.00  
APERS  
124 West Capital, Suite 400  
Little Rock, AR 72201-3704  
J. Baxter Sharp III  
retirement

g) more than \$12,500.00  
Social Security  
Rick Pruitt  
retirement

Section 4 –

g) more than \$1,000.00  
CenterPoint Energy Inc.  
P. O. Box 4567  
Houston, TX 77210  
J. Baxter Sharp III

h) more than \$1,000.00  
LiveRamp  
1 Information Way  
Little Rock, AR 7220  
J. Baxter Sharp III

i) More than \$12,500.00  
Target Corporation  
1000 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
J. Baxter Sharp III

j) more than \$12,500.00  
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.  
702 SW 8<sup>th</sup>  
Bentonville, AR 72716

J. Baxter Sharp III

k) more than \$1,000.00  
A T & T Inc.  
208 South Akard Street  
Dallas, TX 75202  
J. Baxter Sharp III

l) more than \$12,500.00  
Bank OZK  
14825 Cantrell Rd  
Little Rock, AR 72223  
Rick Pruitt  
Bank accounts

m) more than \$12,500.00  
1<sup>st</sup> Community Bank  
17820 Chenal Pkwy  
Little Rock, AR 72223  
Rick Pruitt  
Bank accounts

n) More than \$12,500.00  
Merchants & Planters Bank  
P. O. Box 280  
Clarendon, AR 72029  
J. Baxter Sharp III  
Bank accounts

o) More than \$12,500.00  
Merrill Lynch  
2200 North Rodney Parham, Suite 300  
Little Rock, AR 72212  
J. Baxter Sharp III  
Investment accounts

p) More than \$12,500.00  
Merrill Lynch  
2200 North Rodney Parham, Suite 300  
Little Rock, AR 72212  
Rick Pruitt  
Investment accounts

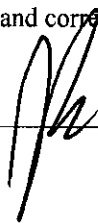
q) more than \$1,000.00  
Bank of Brinkley  
P. O. Box 727  
Brinkley, AR 72021  
J. Baxter Sharp III

## Bank accounts

**SECTION 14- SIGNATURE**

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

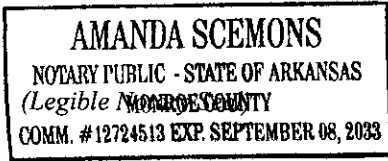
Signature



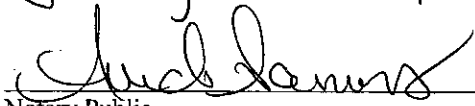
STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF MONROE } ss

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25 day of January, 2024.



Notary Public



My commission expires: September 08, 2033

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.