

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

State/District officials file with:  
Cole Jester, Secretary of State  
500 Woodlane Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
Phone (501) 682-5070  
Fax (501) 682-3548

Calendar year covered 2024  
(Note: Filing covers the previous calendar year)

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

## SECTION 1- NAME AND ADDRESS

Name Gruber Rita W.  
Address 625 Marshall Little Rock, AR 72201  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
(Street or P.O. Box Number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)  
Phone 501-682-7478  
Spouse's name Gruber Wayne A.  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
All names under which you and/or your spouse do business: N/A

## SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING

- Public Official Judge, Arkansas Court of Appeals  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(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)

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Arkansas  
**Secretary of State**

**SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING (continued)**

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 you 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  
State of Arkansas  
(name of employer or source of income)  
3001 W. Roosevelt, Little Rock, AR 72204  
(address)  
District Judge Wayne A. Gruber  
(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received elected district court judge, Pulaski County

b) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
State of Arkansas  
(name of employer or source of income)  
625 Marshall St., Little Rock, AR 72201  
(address)  
Judge Rita W. Gruber  
(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received elected court of appeal judge

c) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
Dept. of the Air Force, Defense Finance & Accounting Service  
(name of employer or source of income)  
8899 East 56th St., Indianapolis, IN. 46249-3300  
(address)  
LTC Wayne A. Gruber  
(name under which income received)

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

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See Attachment A

**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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

b) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

c) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

d) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name under which investment held)

e) Check appropriate box:  More than \$1,000  More than \$12,500  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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 4 - BUSINESS OR HOLDINGS:

Regions Bank  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

More than ( ) \$1,000 (X) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

US Bank  
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Eagle Bank  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

More than ( ) \$1,000 (X) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Bank of America  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Raymond James  
880 Carillon Pkwy  
St. Petersburg, FL

More than ( ) \$1,000 (X) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Valic  
Houston, Texas 77253-3206

More than ( ) \$1,000 (X) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Merrill Lynch  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212

More than ( ) \$1,000 (X) \$12,500  
Wayne Gruber and/or Rita Gruber

Tri-Continental A/K/A  
Columbia Threadneedle  
Boston, MA 02266-8081

More than ( ) \$1,000 (X) \$12,500  
Wayne Gruber and/or Rita Gruber

Columbia Management  
Boston, Massachusetts 02105-1722

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Rita Gruber

Phoenix - Engemann  
c/o Merrill Lynch  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Wayne and Rita Gruber

Center Point Energy  
P. O. Box 4505  
Houston, Texas 77210

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Wayne and Rita Gruber

The Vanguard Group  
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19482

More than ( ) \$1,000 (X) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Wal-Mart Stores  
P. O. Box 116  
Bentonville, Arkansas 71712

More than ( ) \$1,000 (X) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Wendy's  
4288 West Dublin/Granville  
Dublin, Ohio 43017

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

AT&T  
c/o First Chicago Trust Company  
P. O. Box 2575  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07303

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Rubbermaid  
c/o Merrill Lynch  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212

More than (X) \$1,000 ( ) \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Fidelity Investments  
Cincinnati, Oh 45250-5421

More than  \$1,000  \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Janus  
Denver, Co 80202

More than  \$1,000  \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Comcast Corp  
PO Box 43091  
Providence, RI 02940

More than  \$1,000  \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Centennial Bank  
2716 Lakewood Village  
N. Little Rock, Ar 72116

More than  \$1,000  \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Ark. Diamond  
PO Box 9125  
Boston, Ma 02209

More than  \$1,000  \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

Ameritrade  
PO Box 2209  
Omaha, NE 68103-2209

More than  \$1,000  \$12,500  
Wayne or Rita Gruber

**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- 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) \_\_\_\_\_  
(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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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)

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-403 provides that, upon conviction, any person who violates any provision of subchapter 4, 6, 7, or 8 of chapter 8, Title 21 of the Arkansas Code is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. The culpable mental state required shall be a purposeful violation.  
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**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)

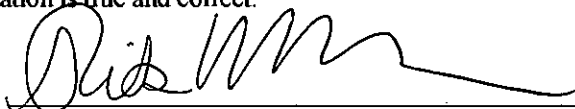
**SECTION 13- SALES TO GOVERNMENTAL BODY**

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)  
(compensation paid)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_  
(goods or services)  
(governmental body to whom sold)  
(compensation paid)
- c) \_\_\_\_\_  
(goods or services)  
(governmental body to whom sold)  
(compensation paid)
- d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(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

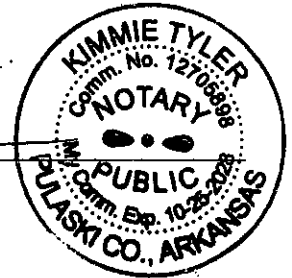
STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF Pulaski } ss

Subscribed and sworn before me this 16 day of January, 2025

(Legible Notary Seal)

  
Notary Public



My commission expires: 10/25/2028

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.