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## **Executive Branch Personnel**

## Public Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278e)

### Filer's Information

Blackwell, Edith

Associate General Counsel, Department of Health & Human Services

Report Year: 2019

Other Federal Government Positions Held During the Preceding 12 Months:

None

Electronic Signature - I certify that the statements I have made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Blackwell, Edith [electronically signed on 04/30/2019 by Blackwell, Edith in Integrity.gov]

Agency Ethics Official's Opinion - On the basis of information contained in this report, I conclude that the filer is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations (subject to any comments below).

/s/ Hall, Randall, Certifying Official [electronically signed on 06/03/2019 by Hall, Randall in Integrity.gov]

Other review conducted by

/s/ Gonzalez, Jennifer, Ethics Official [electronically signed on 05/31/2019 by Gonzalez, Jennifer in Integrity.gov]

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Comments of Reviewing Officials (public annotations):

PART	#	REFERENCE	COMMENT
N/A	N/A	General	(05/31/2019, Gonzalez, Jennifer): Initial Review - 5/3/2019 JLG

### 1. Filer's Positions Held Outside United States Government

None

## 2. Filer's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

None

## 3. Filer's Employment Agreements and Arrangements

None

# 4. Filer's Sources of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 in a Year

(N/A) - Not required for this type of report

## 5. Spouse's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan	No			
1.1	Voya Stabilizer Fund	Yes	\$250,001 - \$500,000		\$5,001 - \$15,000
1.2	Div Multi-Asset Moderate Fund (formerly Trustee Directed Fund)	Yes	\$250,001 - \$500,000		\$15,001 - \$50,000

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
2	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld Partners' Retirement Plan	N/A	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Interest	\$15,001 - \$50,000
3	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld	N/A		Salary	
4	Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP	N/A		Salary	
5	Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP, defined contribution plan	No			
5.1	Voya Index Solution 2030 Portfolio Z	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		\$1,001 - \$2,500

# 6. Other Assets and Income

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	IShares Russell MidCap V ETF (IWS)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
2	ISHARES S&P MIDCAP 400 INDEX (IJH)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
3	IShares Core MSCI Emerging (IEMG)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
4	The Technology SEL SEC SPDR FD (XLK)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
5	ISHARES SL SMALL CAP 600 INDEX (IJR)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
6	US Money Market Account	N/A	\$250,001 - \$500,000		None (or less than \$201)
7	THE FINANCIAL SEL SECT SPDR FD (XLF)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
8	PowerShares QQQ Trust, Series 1	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
9	Vanguard FTSE Developed (VEA)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
10	Industrial Select Sector SPDR (XLI)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
11	Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR (XLP)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
12	Vanguard Communications (VOX)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
13	Vanguard Health Care ETF (VHT)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
14	US Federal Credit Union	N/A	\$15,001 - \$50,000		None (or less than \$201)
15	iShares Short Term Treasury Bond (SHV)	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

# 7. Transactions

#	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	DATE	AMOUNT
1	Vanguard Health Care ETF (VHT)	Purchase	12/27/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
2	ISHARES Short Treasury Bond (SHV)	Purchase	12/21/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
3	iShares Core S&P (IVV)	Purchase	11/20/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
4	Vanguard Communications (VOX)	Purchase	11/20/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
5	Comm Services Select Sector (XLC)	Purchase	10/12/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
6	Health Care Select Sector SPDR (XLV)	Purchase	8/21/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
7	Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR (XLP)	Purchase	8/21/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000

#	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	DATE	AMOUNT
8	iShares Core S&P Total US Stock Market ETF (ITOT)	Purchase	6/26/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
9	Health Care Select Sector SPDR(XLV)	Purchase	02/09/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
10	Health Care Select Sector SPDR (XLV)	Sale	12/27/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
11	iShares Core S&P ETF (IVV)	Sale	12/21/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
12	iShares Core S&P Total U.S. Stock Market ETF (ITOT)	Sale	11/20/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
13	Comm Services Select Sector (XLC)	Sale	11/20/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
14	Vanguard FTSE PAC ETF (VPL)	Sale	10/12/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
15	iShares Global Energy ETF (IXC)	Sale	8/21/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
16	Technology Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLK)	Sale	8/21/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
17	iShares MSCI Eurozone ETF (EZU)	Sale	6/26/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000

# 8. Liabilities

#	CREDITOR NAME		TYPE	AMOUNT	YEAR INCURRED	RATE	TERM
1	Citibank	See Endnote	Promissory Note	\$100,001 - \$250,000	2014	Variable	10 Years

# 9. Gifts and Travel Reimbursements

None

# Endnotes

PART	#	ENDNOTE
8.	1	Paid off as of October 2018.

## **Summary of Contents**

#### 1. Filer's Positions Held Outside United States Government

Part 1 discloses positions that the filer held at any time during the reporting period (excluding positions with the United States Government). Positions are reportable even if the filer did not receive compensation.

This section does not include the following: (1) positions with religious, social, fraternal, or political organizations; (2) positions solely of an honorary nature; (3) positions held as part of the filer's official duties with the United States Government; (4) mere membership in an organization; and (5) passive investment interests as a limited partner or non-managing member of a limited liability company.

### 2. Filer's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

Part 2 discloses the following:

- Sources of earned and other non-investment income of the filer totaling more than \$200 during the reporting period (e.g., salary, fees, partnership share, honoraria, scholarships, and prizes)
- Assets related to the filer's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in income was received during the reporting period (e.g., equity in business or partnership, stock options, retirement plans/accounts and their underlying holdings as appropriate, deferred compensation, and intellectual property, such as book deals and patents)

This section does not include assets or income from United States Government employment or assets that were acquired separately from the filer's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (e.g., assets purchased through a brokerage account). Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF).

### 3. Filer's Employment Agreements and Arrangements

Part 3 discloses agreements or arrangements that the filer had during the reporting period with an employer or former employer (except the United States Government), such as the following:

- Future employment
- Leave of absence
- Continuing payments from an employer, including severance and payments not yet received for previous work (excluding ordinary salary from a current employer)
- Continuing participation in an employee welfare, retirement, or other benefit plan, such as pensions or a deferred compensation plan
- Retention or disposition of employer-awarded equity, sharing in profits or carried interests (e.g., vested and unvested stock options, restricted stock, future share of a company's profits, etc.)

### 4. Filer's Sources of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 in a Year

Part 4 discloses sources (except the United States Government) that paid more than \$5,000 in a calendar year for the filer's services during any year of the reporting period.

The filer discloses payments both from employers and from any clients to whom the filer personally provided services. The filer discloses a source even if the source made its payment to the filer's employer and not to the filer. The filer does not disclose a client's payment to the filer's employer if the filer did not provide the services for which the client is paying.

### 5. Spouse's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

Part 5 discloses the following:

- Sources of earned income (excluding honoraria) for the filer's spouse totaling more than \$1,000 during the reporting period (e.g., salary, consulting fees, and partnership share)
- Sources of honoraria for the filer's spouse greater than \$200 during the reporting period
- Assets related to the filer's spouse's employment, business activities, other income-generating activities (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in income was received during the reporting period (e.g., equity in business or partnership, stock options, retirement plans/accounts and their underlying holdings as appropriate, deferred compensation, and intellectual property, such as book deals and patents)

This section does not include assets or income from United States Government employment or assets that were acquired separately from the filer's spouse's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (e.g., assets purchased through a brokerage account). Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF). Amounts of income are not required for a spouse's earned income (excluding honoraria).

#### 6. Other Assets and Income

Part 6 discloses each asset, not already reported, (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in investment income was received during the reporting period. For purposes of the value and income thresholds, the filer aggregates the filer's interests with those of the filer's spouse and dependent children.

This section does not include the following types of assets: (1) a personal residence (unless it was rented out during the reporting period); (2) income or retirement benefits associated with United States Government employment (e.g., Thrift Savings Plan); and (3) cash accounts (e.g., checking, savings, money market accounts) at a single financial institution with a value of \$5,000 or less (unless more than \$200 in income was received). Additional exceptions apply. Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF).

#### 7. Transactions

Part 7 discloses purchases, sales, or exchanges of real property or securities in excess of \$1,000 made on behalf of the filer, the filer's spouse or dependent child during reporting period.

This section does not include transactions that concern the following: (1) a personal residence, unless rented out; (2) cash accounts (e.g., checking, savings, CDs, money market accounts) and money market mutual funds; (3) Treasury bills, bonds, and notes; and (4) holdings within a federal Thrift Savings Plan account. Additional exceptions apply.

#### 8. Liabilities

Part 8 discloses liabilities over \$10,000 that the filer, the filer's spouse or dependent child owed at any time during the reporting period.

This section does not include the following types of liabilities: (1) mortgages on a personal residence, unless rented out (limitations apply for PAS filers); (2) loans secured by a personal motor vehicle, household furniture, or appliances, unless the loan exceeds the item's purchase price; and (3) revolving charge accounts, such as credit card balances, if the outstanding liability did not exceed \$10,000 at the end of the reporting period. Additional exceptions apply.

### 9. Gifts and Travel Reimbursements

This section discloses:

- Gifts totaling more than \$390 that the filer, the filer's spouse, and dependent children received from any one source during the reporting period.
- Travel reimbursements totaling more than \$390 that the filer, the filer's spouse, and dependent children received from any one source during the reporting period.

For purposes of this section, the filer need not aggregate any gift or travel reimbursement with a value of \$156 or less. Regardless of the value, this section does not include the following items: (1) anything received from relatives; (2) anything received from the United States Government or from the District of Columbia, state, or local governments; (3) bequests and other forms of inheritance; (4) gifts and travel reimbursements given to the filer's agency in connection with the filer's official travel; (5) gifts of hospitality (food, lodging, entertainment) at the donor's residence or personal premises; and (6) anything received by the filer's spouse or dependent children totally independent of their relationship to the filer. Additional exceptions apply.

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