Jonathan N. Waters v. Michael V. Drake, Joseph E. Steinmetz, PhD, and The Ohio State University, 14-cv-01704-JLG-TPK, September 26, 2014 (S.D. Ohio 2014).

District Court Judge James L. Graham financial holdings in Ohio State vendor-clients of McBee Strategic LLC clients - OSU Trustee president Jeffrey Wadsworth's lobbyist at Battelle Memorial Institute

http://www.judicialwatch.org/document-		AIM Constellation Class A Mutual			Money Market
archive/james-l-graham-2012/		Fund			Fund
Ticker:		<u>CSTGX</u>			<u>STGXX</u>
		Narrow sector	%-age of	Size within	Narrow sector
Ohio State relationship:		holdings*	fund	fund	holdings*
1	Babcock & Wilcox				
2	Battelle Memorial Institute				
3	Boeing Co	35,857,905			
4	Charter Communications				
5	Citigroup	3,366,895			1,000,000,000
6	Eastman Chemical				
7	Enterprise Community Partners				
8	GE Energy	59,538,452	2.50%	7th	
9	Google Inc	84,594,720	3.50%	3rd	
10	Honeywell International				4,000,000
11	JPMorgan Chase & Co	7,241,525			38,260,000
12	National Venture Capital Assn				
13	Oracle	26,608,515			
14	Praxair	7,288,449			
	Total value:	\$224,496,461			\$1,042,260,000

\* So-called "safe harbor concept" does not apply since CSTGX only invests in a few companies in each sector (narrow sector), and STGXX only uses a select number of banks where Citigroup holds over \$1 billion in values. Therefore, *Judge Graham will benefit personally from decisions favorable to Ohio State* and Ohio State's and Jeffrey Wadsworth's McBee Strategic vendors--his investments. Neither does the *de minimus* (very little holding, nothing really) concept apply since the Judicial Conference says holdings of "even one share" by a spouse opens a judge up to the appearance of bias (even if no bias exists) and necessitates recusal. Presumably, if the judge invested in the fund, then he did not consider the holding inconsequential. Judges participate in these funds by the very act of selecting one with its priorities over another with different stock holdings.

## **Code of Conduct for United States Judges**

Canon 2: "A judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities."