

Rouse's MEC Form Reveals Failure to Disclose

HATTIESBURG – USMNEWS.net has obtained the most recent Statement of Economic Interest form filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission by Mississippi IHL Board member Doug Rouse. That form, which is dated 24-April-2012, fails to disclose [the business relationship](#) between Rouse and USM that exists through Rouse's provision of medical services to the USM athletics department.

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MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

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SECTION A: Name & Address information.

Last Name: Rouse First Name: Douglas Middle Name: Wesley
Title: Mr. Suffix: Jr.
Mailing Address: 111 bedford road
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SECTION B: List of title(s), position(s) or office(s) in government held by the filer.

Position/Title	Entity	District/Post	Status
State Board or Commission Member	Institutions of Higher Learning	2/Southern Supreme	Appointed

SECTION C: List of all other occupations of the filer, filer's spouse and any person over the age of twenty-one (21) who resided in the household during the entire preceding calendar year.

Relationship	Occupation
Self	Physicians
Spouse	Homemaker-home health aides

SECTION D: List of all the names and addresses of all businesses for which any of the following statements are true for the filer, filer's spouse and any person over the age of twenty-one (21) who resided in the household during the entire preceding calendar year, including the name of any position in or relationship to the business.

1. Receives more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year in income from the business.
2. Owns ten percent (10%) or more of the fair market value in the business, either directly or through another business.
3. Owns an ownership interest in the business, the fair market value of which exceeds Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or
4. Is an employee, director or officer of the business.

Business Name	Business Address	Position	Relationship
Southern Bone & Joint Surgery, LLC	3688 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 200 Hattiesburg, MS 39401	Partner	Self

Southern Surgery Center, LLC	3688 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 200 Hattiesburg, MS 39401	Partner	Self
Southern Pointe Development, LLC	3688 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 200 Hattiesburg, MS 39401	Partner	Self
Southern Development Resources, LLC	3688 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 200 Hattiesburg, MS 39401	Partner	Self
Bancorpsouth	1 Mississippi Plaza Tupelo, MS 38804	Stock Holder	Self
A.G. Edwards	One North Jefferson St. Louis, MO 63103	Stock Holder	Self
ING Annuity	230 Park Avenue New York, NY 10169	Stock Holder	Self

SECTION E: List of person or business and the nature of business the filer represented or intervened for compensation before an authority of state or local government, excluding the courts, on any matter other than uncontested or routine matters, only if the filer is (1) an elected official, (2) an executive director or head of a state agency or (3) a president or trustee of a state-supported college, university or community or junior college, including members of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and the State Board of Institutions of Higher Learning.

<u>Client Name</u>	<u>Client Address</u>	<u>Nature Of Business</u>	<u>Governmental Authority</u>
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No information entered

SECTION F: List of all public bodies, whether federal, state or local government, from which the filer, filer's spouse or any person over the age of twenty-one(21) who resided in the household during the entire preceding calendar year received compensation in excess of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) during the preceding calendar year, whether the compensation was paid directly or indirectly through another person or business.

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Public Body</u>
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No information entered

I hereby certify the information set forth in this statement is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand it is a crime to knowingly fail to disclose information required by law and is punishable by a fine of Ten Thousand Dollars (10,000.00).

Mr. Douglas Wesley Rouse Jr.

SIGNATURE

4/24/2012

DATE

As the insert above shows, Rouse reveals several sources of income, including partnership in two medical services concerns and what appears to be a real estate development entity. Rouse also indicates ownership holdings with Bancorpsouth, A.G. Edwards and ING Annuity. The economic interest form also indicates, however, that Rouse chose to provide "no information" in Section E or Section F, which are the parts of the form where one enters information about business dealings/economic interests with/in public entities such as USM. This lack of information exists even given an MEC opinion, wherein a financial or economic interest in USM is detailed, that appears to have been sought by Rouse a few months later (in July-2012).