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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2011 AND ENDING 12/31/2011  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.

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FIRM I.D. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1130

(No. and Street)

Raleigh

North Carolina

27601

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Thomas A. Ashton, President

(919) 585-4850

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

StarkSchenkein, LLP

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

3600 S Yosemite Street, Suite 600

Denver

Colorado

80237

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

**CHECK ONE:**

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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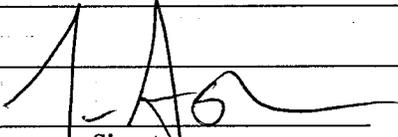
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Thomas A. Ashton, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc., as of December 31, 2011, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CEO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
2/24/2012



This report contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

**ASHTON STEWART & CO., INC.**  
**REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**AND**  
**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED**  
**PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**  
**AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2011**



**StarkSchenkein, LLP**

**ASHTON STEWART & CO., INC.**

**REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND  
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
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# Stark Schenkein, LLP

BUSINESS ADVISORS & CPAs

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholder of  
Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc., as of December 31, 2011, and the related statements of operations, stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc., as of December 31, 2011, and the results of its operations, and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedule I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Denver, Colorado  
February 13, 2012

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2011**

ASSETS

Cash	\$	12,356
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$7,474		5,122
Current assets		<u>17,478</u>
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		<u>2,487</u>
	\$	<u><u>19,965</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

LIABILITIES:

Accrued expenses	\$	6,568
		<u>6,568</u>

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:

Preferred stock, 20,000,000 undesignated shares authorized no shares issued and outstanding		-
Common stock, \$.001 par value, 80,000,000 shares authorized, 8,500,000 shares issued and outstanding		8,500
Additional paid-in capital		219,643
Accumulated (deficit)		(214,746)
		<u>13,397</u>
	\$	<u><u>19,965</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
**Statement of Operations**  
**For The Year Ended December 31, 2011**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Revenue	<u>\$ 269,801</u>
Total revenue	<u>269,801</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Administrative services	16,000
Professional services	221,973
Regulatory fees	3,341
Other operating	<u>36,605</u>
Total expenses	<u>277,919</u>
(LOSS) BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	(8,118)
Provision for income taxes	<u>-</u>
NET (LOSS)	<u><u>\$ (8,118)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
**Statement of Stockholder's Equity**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2011**

	Common Stock		Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated (Deficit)	Total
	Shares	Amount			
Balance, December 31, 2010	8,500,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 219,643	\$ (206,628)	\$ 21,515
Net (loss)	-	-	-	(8,118)	(8,118)
Balance, December 31, 2011	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,500</u>	<u>\$ 219,643</u>	<u>\$ (214,746)</u>	<u>\$ 13,397</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For The Year Ended December 31, 2011**

<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net (loss)	\$ (8,118)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	753
Bad debt expense	2,474
Changes in:	
Accounts receivable	(5,548)
Accrued expenses	(10,059)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	<u>(20,498)</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net cash (used in) investing activities	<u>-</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>-</u>
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH</b>	(20,498)
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>32,854</u>
<b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 12,356</u></u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>	
Cash paid for:	
Interest	<u>\$ -</u>
Income taxes	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2011**

**Note 1 – Summary of significant accounting policies**

**Organization**

Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc. (the "Company"), formerly MAS Capital Securities, Inc. and Vantage Securities, Inc., was incorporated as MAS Trade.net, Inc., on September 27, 1999, in the State of Indiana. On October 29, 2001, the Company changed its name to MAS Capital Securities, Inc. Until November 2002, the Company was wholly owned by MAS Capital Securities Holdings, Inc., which is wholly owned by MAS Capital, Inc.

During November 2002, the Company's sole shareholder entered into an agreement to sell all of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company to Vantage Advisor Group, LLC ("VAG" or "LLC"). The name was then changed to Vantage Securities, Inc.

During 2010, in an effort to rebrand the firm to more adequately reflect its growing investment banking line of business the name was changed to Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.

The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

**Revenue recognition**

Wholesale fees on the sale of insurance products to other broker-dealers are recognized when the sales are completed, the amounts can be reasonably estimated and the collection assured. Registered representative commissions and related expenses are recorded on a monthly basis according to agreements.

**Income taxes**

The Company follows FASB ASC 740-10 for recording the provision for income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are computed based upon the difference between the financial statement and income tax basis of assets and liabilities using the enacted marginal tax rate applicable when the related asset or liability is expected to be realized or settled. Deferred income tax expenses or benefits are based on the changes in the asset or liability each period. If available evidence suggests that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is required to reduce the deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. Future changes in such valuation allowance are included in the provision for deferred income taxes in the period of change.

Deferred income taxes may arise from temporary differences resulting from income and expense items reported for financial accounting and tax purposes in different periods.

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2011**

**Note 1 – Summary of significant accounting policies - continued**

Deferred taxes are classified as current or non-current, depending on the classification of assets and liabilities to which they relate. Deferred taxes arising from temporary differences that are not related to an asset or liability are classified as current or non-current depending on the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with the maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

**Accounts receivable**

The Company's receivables consist of monies owed by registered representatives per contractual agreements. Bad debt expense for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$2,474.

**Property and equipment**

Property and equipment has been recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful life of 2 to 7 years. Total depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$753.

**Fair value of financial instruments**

Fair value estimates discussed herein are based upon certain market assumptions and pertinent information available to management as of December 31, 2011. The respective carrying value of certain on-balance-sheet financial instruments approximated their fair values. These financial instruments are cash, accounts receivable and accrued expenses. Fair values were assumed to approximate carrying values for these instruments because they are short term in nature and their carrying amounts approximate fair values.

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2011**

**Note 2 – Income taxes**

Deferred income taxes may arise from temporary differences resulting from income and expense items reported for financial accounting and tax purposes in different periods. Deferred taxes are classified as current or non-current, depending on the classification of assets and liabilities to which they relate. Deferred taxes arising from temporary differences that are not related to an asset or liability are classified as current or non-current depending on the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company incurred no expenses in income taxes to various states.

The Company has net operating loss carryforwards aggregating approximately \$355,000, which expire in varying amounts through 2031. The net deferred tax asset resulting from these carryforwards has been fully reserved. The increase in the valuation allowance for 2011 was approximately \$8,000. The Company is limited to utilization of approximately \$140,300 of these carryforwards to \$2,034 per year by Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code for carryforwards incurred prior to January 1, 2003. The Company has no permanent differences and any temporary differences primarily relate to the timing of certain accrued expenses.

**Note 3 – Net capital requirements**

The Company is subject to the SEC uniform net capital rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2011, the Company had net capital of \$5,788, which was \$788 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000.

**Note 4 – Related party transactions**

Effective December 1, 2003, the Company entered into Expense Allocation Agreements with entities related to the Company under common ownership. The agreements provide the Company pay a related entity a monthly fee for expense allocations. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company paid a related entity a total of \$16,000 related to the agreement.

**Note 5 – Subsequent Events**

Management of the Company has reviewed all subsequent transactions through the date the financial statements were available to be issued. It has been determined that there are no subsequent events which would require disclosure in the financial statements.

**Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.**  
**Schedule I - Computation Of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1**  
**Of The Securities And Exchange Commission**  
**December 31, 2011**

Stockholder's equity per Statement of Financial Condition	<u>\$ 13,397</u>
Less: Nonallowable assets	<u>(7,609)</u>
Net capital	<u>\$ 5,788</u>
Aggregate indebtedness - items included in financial statements	<u>\$ 6,568</u>
Basic net capital requirement (\$5,000 minimum)	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$ 788</u>
Ratio aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>113%</u>

There were no differences between the above calculation and the Company's calculation of net capital as reflected on the unaudited Form 17a-5, Part IIA.

**Computation For Determination of Reserve Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3**

Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc. is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 under the provision of Rule 15c3-3(K)(2)(i).

**Information Relating to the Possession and Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3**

Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc. is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 under the provision of Rule 15c3-3(K)(2)(i).



# Stark Schenkein, LLP

BUSINESS ADVISORS & CPAs

To the Shareholder of  
Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc.

In planning and performing the audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedule of Ashton Stewart & Co., Inc. (the Company), for the year ended December 31, 2011, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13.
2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A *control deficiency* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2011, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

  
Denver, Colorado  
February 13, 2012