MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	MATTHEW W. WILLIAMS
Reporting Period	☒ Annual report – calendar year 2015☐ Candidate/Appointee report
Type of Request	 □ New ☑ Renewal with No Change - <u>original granted on June 24, 2010</u> □ Renewal with Change
Office Held & Term	District Court Judge, King County – Southeast Division Current term expires January, 2019
Application Rule(s)	 Income & Ownership Interest: WAC 390-28-100(b) □ Personal Residence: WAC 390-28-100(d) □ Attorney: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(i)) □ Judge / Judicial Candidate: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(ii)) □ Spousal: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(iv)) □ Other: WAC 390-28-100(1)(a)(c)
Explanation of Rules(s)	Income and ownership interests. An applicant may be exempted from reporting the information otherwise required by RCW 42.17A.710 (1)(f) and (g), if: (i) Public disclosure would violate any legally recognized confidential relationship; (ii) The information does not relate to a business entity which would be subject to the regulatory authority of the office sought or held by the applicant in whole or in part; (iii) Such reporting would present a manifestly unreasonable hardship to the applicant including but not limited to adversely affecting the competitive position of an entity in which the applicant had an interest of ten percent or more as described in RCW 42.17A.120; and (iv) The interest in question would present no actual or potential conflict with the performance of the duties of the office sought or held. Personal residence - Real property. Regarding reporting the information otherwise required by RCW 42.17A.710 (1)(h) through (k): (i) Under WAC 390-24-200, the filer shall list the street address of each parcel, the assessor's parcel number, the abbreviated legal description appearing on property tax statements, or the complete legal description. Each property description shall be followed by the name of the county in which the property is located. (ii) No modification will be necessary if the filer describes the real property using one of the alternatives in WAC 390-24-200, plus the name of the county. (iii) A modification will be required if the filer seeks some other means to describe reportable real property including the personal residence of the filer. The commission may consider a modification, for example, when the filer or his or her immediate family member has received a threat, has a no contact order, or presents a similar personal safety concern.

	A prospective modification to allow nondisclosure of a residential address may be granted if the applicant or an immediate family member has received a threat, been issued a no contact order or presents a similar personal safety concern.
Supporting Documents (attached)	☑ Current F-1☑ Modification Application☑ Prior order (if renewal) – April 23, 2015
Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	Judge Williams is requesting a renewal, with no change, of a reporting modification that would exempt him from disclosing his personal residential address information, including street address, parcel number, or legal description, on his Personal Financial Affairs Statement for 2015. Judge Williams is also requesting a renewal of a reporting modification that would exempt him from disclosing the business customers that paid \$12,000
	 or more during 2015 to International Sensor Systems, Inc. Personal Residence Judge Williams stated that as a District Court Judge in King County, he presides over criminal misdemeanors, anti-harassment requests, and various civil matters. Judge Williams expressed safety concerns for himself and his family with regard to disclosing his personal residence on the F-1 report. Judge
	 Williams disclosed the city, value, and creditor information concerning his personal residence. International Sensor Systems, Inc. (ISSI) Judge Williams serves on the Board of Directors of International Sensor Systems, Inc. (ISSI), based in Nebraska. ISSI manufactures hybrid, thick film components that are used in various specialized commercial processes.
	 Judge Williams stated that ISSI had annual sales of approximately \$3 million in 2015 and that 150 business customers would be subject to the disclosure requirements. He has disclosed that ISSI has no governmental customers.
	 Judge Williams stated that while he has no direct ownership interest in ISSI, he is a general partner of a limited partnership set up by his parent's estate which owns more than half of the outstanding stock of ISSI. He is not involved in the day to day operations of the business, but he does have access to the business customers. He said he consults with the President of ISSI and the other members of the board on the strategic direction of the company.

	Judge Williams stated that ISSI does not do business in Washington. He said that disclosing the business customer list could give a competing manufacturing company an unfair competitive advantage.
Other Issues	Judge Williams stated that the list of customers of ISSI has no bearing on his duties as a King County District Court Judge, that ISSI does no business in Washington State and by resolution of the Board of Directors will do no business in Washington State.
Staff Recommendations	Approve renewal of requested reporting modification.