MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	GRANT DEGGINGER
Reporting Period	 Annual report – calendar year 2015 Candidate/Appointee report
Type of Request	 New Renewal with No Change – original granted on September 23, 2010 Renewal with Change
Office Held/Sought & Term	Commissioner, Public Disclosure Commission Left Appointment March 2016
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 Rule(s)	 Lawyers and law firms (when applicant is an incumbent or candidate and acts alone or as part of a governing body, board, or commission). An applicant may be allowed to satisfy the reporting requirements of RCW 42.17A.710 (1)(g)(ii) and WAC <u>390-24-020</u> by disclosing reportable clients from whom compensation has been paid in excess of the reporting threshold as follows: (A) The names of the business clients for whom the applicant has done legal work; (B) Other clients of the law firm whose interests are significantly affected by the applicant's actions as an elected or appointed official or whose actions will be affected by the applicant's action should the applicant be elected whose identities become known to the applicant through any means; (C) The names of the clients of the law firm who are listed in Martindale Hubbell, the firm's resume, web site, or similar promotional materials; and (D) Governmental clients that have done business with the law firm. An applicant may also be required to disclose all business customers from whom compensation in excess of the reporting threshold has been received whose identities are publicized or referenced in documents open for public inspection at the courts, in administrative hearings, at proceedings conducted by public agencies, or are a matter of public knowledge in other similar public forums. Alternatively, the commission may require an applicant to report only those publicly identifiable customers of which the applicant is aware.
Supporting Documents (attached)	 Current F-1 Modification Application Prior order (if renewal) - <u>Order # 3217</u>

Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	 Mr. Degginger is a member of Lane Powell, PC, a Pacific Northwest law firm for which he has less than a 10% ownership interest. Mr. Degginger is requesting a reporting modification that would exempt him from listing the business customers that made payments of \$12,000 or more to the law firm of Lane Powell, PC, during 2015. Mr. Degginger stated that Lane Powell has law offices in three states, with over 160 attorneys, more than 3,500 clients, and over 7,000 active matters. He stated that the firm adds about 1,000 clients and 3,000 new matters annually. In 2015, Mr. Degginger stated there were over 800 clients that paid fees of more than \$12,000. Mr. Degginger stated that his ownership interest in the firm was 1.34% during 2015. Mr. Degginger stated that he chairs one of the firms "practice groups", but he does not serve on the board of directors. He stated he could obtain access to the firm's client list, but that compiling such as list would consume significant firm resources, and it would be difficult to make distinctions between business and personal matters concerning clients. Mr. Degginger stated that "Disclosure of a published list of representative clients is consistent with PDC Interpretation No. 02-03, (WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(i)) without being unduly burdensome",
	and that few of Lane Powell business customers not listed on the F- 1 Supplement, would have interactions with the PDC.
Other Issues	 Mr. Degginger provided the following information as part of his reporting modification request in accordance with WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(i)): 1. Reportable business customers of Lane Powell, PC, that Mr. Degginger has done legal work for during 2015;
	 Reportable government customers that made payments to Lane Powell, PC, for legal work during 2015; A list of the representative business and other governmental customers of Lane Powell whose identities are provided to Martindale-Hubbell and also listed in Chambers, a law firm publication; and

	 A statement from Mr. Degginger that there are no business customers of Lane Powell whose interests are significantly affected by his actions acting in his official capacity as Commissioner for the Public Disclosure Commission.
Staff Recommendations	Approve renewal of the reporting modification with no change.