

MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	JOHANNA BENDER
Reporting Period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual report – calendar years 2015, 2016 & 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate/Appointee report
Type of Request	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewal with No Change – <u>original granted April 23, 2015</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Commission Approval – <u>April 23, 2015</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with Change
Office Held/Sought & Term	Superior Court Judge, King County Current term expires December, 2021
Application Rule(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Income & Ownership Interest: WAC 390-28-100(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Residence: WAC 390-28-100(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(i) <input type="checkbox"/> Judge / Judicial Candidate: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(iv) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: WAC 390-28-100 (1)(a)(c)
Explanation of Rule(s)	<p>Personal residence - Real property. Regarding reporting the information otherwise required by RCW 42.17A.710 (1)(h) through (k):</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Supporting Documents (attached)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current F-1A (March 13, 2018) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F-1 (April 5, 2017) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F-1 (December 15, 2015) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application – calendar year 2015, 2016 & 2017 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior order (if renewal) – April 23, 2015
Other Issues	<p>On April 23, 2015, Judge Bender was granted her original modification request to not disclose her residential address on her F-1 and was required to submit a renewal of the modification granted along with her annual F-1 report by no later than March 2016.</p> <p>Judge Bender submitted the annual F-1 report and her request for renewal of her modification due by no later than March 2016, on December 15, 2015. PDC staff did not present this request in calendar year 2016.</p> <p>Judge Bender disclosed creditor information, payment terms, security given and mortgage amounts for her personal residence.</p>
Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Bender is requesting a reporting modification that would exempt her from reporting real estate, including street address, parcel number, or legal description, for her residential address on her Personal Financial Affairs Statement covering calendar year 2017. • Judge Bender is also requesting a retroactive modification that would exempt her from reporting real estate, including street address, parcel number, or legal description, for her residential address on her F-1 report covering calendar year 2015 and her F-1 report covering calendar year 2016. • Judge Bender stated that as a Superior Court Judge, she is assigned both criminal and civil cases, and presides over those cases at all phases of proceedings, including pre-trial motions, trials, sentencing, and post-adjudicative motions. In addition, she is also responsible for administrative duties on behalf of the court, including serving as a member of the Court’s Executive Committee. • Judge Bender stated that for the past six years, she has been assigned to calendars involving community members with serious mental illness (King County Regional Mental Health Court and King County Involuntary Treatment Act Court). Judge Bender stated that although she has not experienced any retribution from these defendants/respondents, a previous King County Regional Mental Health Court judge did experience threats from a client experiencing

	<p>severe paranoia. This client was subsequently charged and convicted due to these threats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge Bender stated that earlier this year a woman who appeared to be experiencing severe mental health symptoms used foul language in a video posted to Facebook to describe her anger with Judge Bender. Judge Bender indicated that although this woman did not make specific threats towards her, she was sufficiently concerned to contact the King County Sheriff's Department.• Judge Bender included additional safety concerns related to her work as a judge, a shooting at the courthouse where she serves as well as safety concerns related to her son and her spouse.• Judge Bender stated that the nature of her job presumes that there is potential for an actual assault or threat to occur.
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