MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	ELIZABETH PIKE MARTIN
Reporting Period	 Annual report – calendar year 2016 Candidate/Appointee report
Type of Request	 New Renewal with No Change – <u>original granted on June 24, 2010</u> Renewal with Change
Office Held/Sought & Term	Superior Court Judge, Pierce County Current term expires January, 2021
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)	 Personal residence - Real property. Regarding reporting the information otherwise required by RCW <u>42.17A.710</u> (1)(h) through (k): (i) Under WAC <u>390-24-200</u>, 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 <u>390-24-200</u>, 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. Applicants whose spouse or registered domestic partner creates a reporting obligation for the applicant. When an applicant is required to report the activities of an entity solely because the applicant's spouse or registered domestic partner spouse or registered domestic partner spouse or registered to entity and the applicant does not have direct knowledge of the information that must be reported, the applicant may be allowed to satisfy the disclosure requirements of RCW <u>42.17A.710</u> (1)(g)(ii) and WAC <u>390-24-020</u> by disclosing reportable customers from whom

	 compensation in excess of the disclosure threshold established under RCW <u>42.17A.710</u> (1)(g)(ii) has been received as follows: (A) All payments made by the agency or jurisdiction in which the applicant seeks or holds office to the entity; (B) The business and other governmental customers or clients of the applicant's spouse/domestic partner and of the entity of which the applicant is aware; and (C) Any other business and other governmental customers or clients of the entity whose identities are known to the applicant and whose interests are significantly affected by the agency or jurisdiction in which the applicant seeks or holds office. The commission may apply (e)(i) through (iii) of this subsection when the applicant's spouse/domestic partner is a lawyer, judge, or motor vehicle dealer.
Supporting Documents (attached)	 ☑ Letter ☑ Current F-1 ☑ Modification Application ☑ Prior order (if renewal) – April 21, 2016
Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	 Personal Residential Address Judge Martin is requesting a renewal of a reporting modification that would exempt her from disclosing her personal residential address information, including street address, parcel number, or legal description, on her Personal Financial Affairs Statement for 2016. Judge Martin stated that in her current position, she must make decisions in highly volatile matters, including criminal cases involving Class A felonies, highly contentious family law. She is concerned for her personal safety. Judge Martin stated that as a Superior Court Judge, she adjudicates and presides over disputes and trials, including criminal, family and civil matter. She currently serves as the Drug Court judge, a felony diversion therapeutic program for eligible participants. Gordon Thomas Honeywell, LLP Judge Martin is requesting a renewal of a reporting modification that would exempt her from disclosing the reportable business customers of the law firm, Gordon Thomas Honeywell, LLP, that paid \$12,000 or more during 2016, for which her spouse is a partner. Judge Martin stated that Gordon Thomas Honeywell, LLP is a Tacoma law firm with approximately 50 total lawyers. Her spouse's ownership interest of 9.651%.

	 Judge Martin said she does not have access to the client base or compensation information of Gordon Thomas Honeywell.
	 Judge Martin stated that, pursuant to Code of Judicial Conduct, Cannon 3(d), she has, and will continue to, recuse herself from all matters in which (1) a Gordon Thomas Honeywell lawyer represents a party; (2) involve a party which Judge Martin or Mr. Martin previously represented, or (3) involve a party personally known by Judge Martin to be a client of the firm.
Other Issues	Judge Martin provided a list of reportable business clients known to her and a list of reportable governmental clients of her spouse's firm, Gordon Thomas Honeywell.
Staff Recommendations	Approve renewal of the reporting modification with no change.