

MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

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| Name of Filer | LEE GROCHMAL |
| Reporting Period | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointee report – covering February 2018 to February 2019 |
| Type of Request | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with No Change <input type="checkbox"/> Full Commission Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with Change |
| Office Held/Sought & Term | Superior Court Judge, Whatcom Superior Court Current term expires December 31, 2019 |
| 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> |

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| Supporting Documents (attached) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current F-1 (February 22, 2019) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application <input type="checkbox"/> Prior order (if renewal) |
| Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge Grochmal 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 2018.• Judge Grochmal stated that she will preside over criminal and civil matters, including family law matters, dependencies, and felony domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault cases. She stated she is concerned about disgruntled litigants trying to contact her at her home.• Judge Grochmal stated that her family has previously been threatened by a citizen related to her husband's work as an attorney. This individual made "veiled threats" toward her minor-aged son.• Judge Grochmal stated she is also aware of several recent cases in Whatcom County where she serves, in which judges have been the subject of threats by litigants. She stated that she understands there is a level of risk involved with the job, but that she hopes to lessen the risk by denying easy access to her home address. |
| Other Issues | <p>Judge Grochmal disclosed creditor information, payment terms, security given and mortgage amounts for her personal residence.</p> <p>Judge Grochmal has agreed to recuse herself if a matter came before her involving a conflict of interest between her personal residence and the Whatcom County Superior Court.</p> |