

## MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

<b>Name of Filer</b>	<b>Judith Hightower</b>
<b>Reporting Period</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual report – calendar year 2013 (spousal request) and calendar years 1997 to 2013 (residential request) <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate/Appointee report
<b>Type of Request</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with No Change <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with Change
<b>Office Held/Sought &amp; Term</b>	Municipal Court Judge, City of Seattle Elected term expires December 2014
<b>PDC Protocol</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney: Interpretation #02-03 <input type="checkbox"/> Judge / Judicial Candidate: Interpretation #02-04 <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile Dealership: Interpretation #02-05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spousal: Interpretation #02-06 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAC 390-28-100 (d) – (Personal Residence)
<b>Supporting Documents (attached)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current F-1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application <input type="checkbox"/> Prior order (if renewal)
<b>Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge Hightower is requesting a reporting modification that would exempt her from disclosing the financial information of her spouse, Lamar Mills, Jr., on her F-1 report for 2013.</li> <li>• Judge Hightower is also requesting a modification that would exempt her from disclosing her personal address information on her F-1 report for calendar years 1997 to 2013.</li> <li>• Judge Hightower stated that she and her husband and herself have separate bank accounts, retirement funds, loans and businesses.</li> <li>• Judge Hightower stated that she has no knowledge of her husband's financial holdings and, upon her request, he has refused to disclose any information.</li> <li>• Judge Hightower stated that Mr. Mills manages his own separate rental properties, of which she has no knowledge as to the specific business information.</li> <li>• Judge Hightower further stated that Mr. Mills is winding down a general law practice and is working to develop a small business to assist small landlords with issues they encounter such as evictions. Her request for information regarding these was refused.</li> <li>• Judge Hightower stated that other than living expenses, their residential home and one joint investment property, all of their finances are separate. Any joint obligations are divided and paid separately.</li> <li>• Judge Hightower stated that she handles criminal cases regarding domestic violence and mentally ill offenders, and has been stalked in the past. She has been advised to protect her residential information and has taken steps to do so.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Judge Hightower has disclosed all information regarding her spouse of which she is aware.</li><li>• Judge Hightower stated that she would recuse herself should her husband appear before her court in any matter, including his personal and business interests.</li></ul>
<b>Other Issues</b>	Judge Hightower has disclosed the creditor information, payment terms, security given and mortgage amounts on her residential property
<b>Staff Recommendations</b>	Staff recommends approval of the requests.