

MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	MATTHEW J. SEGAL
Reporting Period	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointee report – September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021
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 & Term	Superior Court Judge, King County Position 3 Current term expires December 31, 2022
Application Rule(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Income & Ownership Interest: WAC 390-28-100(1)(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Residence: WAC 390-28-100(1)(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney: WAC 390-28-100(1)(e)(i) <input checked="" 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 Rules(s)	<p>Judges and former law firms. An applicant may be allowed to satisfy the reporting requirements of RCW 42.17A.710 (1)(g)(ii) and WAC 390-24-020 by disclosing any required information of which the applicant is aware, provided the applicant certifies that the applicant is no longer able to access or has been denied access to the former law firm's client information. The commission may apply (e)(i) of this subsection when the applicant is a nonincumbent judicial candidate who practiced law during the reporting period and who seeks a modification regarding reportable business clients of the law firm.</p>
Supporting Documents (attached)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current F-1 (filed September 14, 2021) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application <input type="checkbox"/> Prior order (if renewal)
Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	<p>Judge Segal is requesting a reporting modification that would exempt him from disclosing the business customers or clients that paid \$12,000 or more during the reporting period to his former law firm, Pacifica Law Group LLP.</p> <p>Judge Segal was an attorney with Pacifica Law Group LLP prior to his appointment to the King County Superior Court.</p> <p>Pacifica Law Group LLP has an office located in Seattle that employs approximately 50 attorneys.</p>

	<p>Judge Segal stated that some of the firm's reportable clients may be listed on the firm's website or in court documents but attests that he no longer has access to any of the client names or payment information.</p> <p>Judge Segal stated that he believes the identity of the firm's clients and the specific work performed is confidential or has a confidential component that would require a time-consuming effort to notify clients or seek consent for disclosure.</p>
Other Issues	<p>Judge Segal stated that any potential conflict raised by clients with whom he worked as a lawyer in practice could be addressed by compliance with the Canons of Judicial Conduct and the recusal process.</p> <p>Judge Segal has agreed to recuse himself if a matter came before him involving a conflict of interest between his former law firm, Pacifica Law Group LLP and the King County Superior Court.</p> <p>Judge Segal's request could be granted through his current term of office as allowed in RCW 42.17A.120(1).</p>