

## MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

<b>Name of Filer</b>	<b>JOHANNA BENDER</b>
<b>Reporting Period</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual report – calendar years 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate/Appointee report
<b>Type of Request</b>	<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>July 26, 2018</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with Change
<b>Office Held/Sought &amp; Term</b>	Superior Court Judge, King County Current term expires December, 2020
<b>Application Rule(s)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Income & Ownership Interest: WAC 390-28-100(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Residence: <a href="#">WAC 390-28-100(d)</a> <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)
<b>Explanation of Rule(s)</b>	<p><b>Personal residence - Real property.</b> Regarding reporting the information otherwise required by RCW <a href="#">42.17A.710</a> (1)(h) through (k):</p> <p>(i) Under WAC <a href="#">390-24-200</a>, 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 <a href="#">390-24-200</a>, 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>

<b>Supporting Documents (attached)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current F-1 (March 21, 2019) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior order (if renewal) – July 26, 2018
<b>Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judge Bender is requesting a renewal of the 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.</li> <li>• Judge Bender stated in a previous request 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.</li> <li>• Judge Bender stated in her 2018 request that for the previous 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 severe paranoia. This client was subsequently charged and convicted due to these threats.</li> <li>• Judge Bender stated that in 2018 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Judge Bender stated that the nature of her job presumes that there is potential for an actual assault or threat to occur.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Issues</b>	<p>Judge Bender disclosed creditor information, payment terms, security given and mortgage amounts for her personal residence.</p>

	<p>Judge Bender has agreed to recuse herself if a matter came before her involving a conflict of interest between her personal residence and King County Superior Court.</p>
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	<p>Judge Bender has reviewed her initial reporting modification request and any subsequent renewal requests and has certified that there are no changes to the facts related to her request.</p>
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