

MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	LINDA C.J. LEE
Reporting Period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual report – calendar year 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate/Appointee report
Type of Request	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewal with No Change – <u>original granted on August 28, 2008</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with Change
Office Held/Sought & Term	Superior Court Judge, Pierce County Elected term expires December, 2016
PDC Protocol	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney: Interpretation #02-03 <input checked="" 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(1)(d)
Supporting Documents (attached)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current F-1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior order (if renewal) – <u>Order # 3066</u>
Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Lee is requesting renewal of a reporting modification that exempts her from disclosing the business and other governmental customers that paid \$10,000 or more in 2012 to Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara, a law firm. • Judge Lee's spouse is a director and an attorney of Vandenberg Johnson, a Tacoma law firm that employs 20 attorneys and 20 non-attorney employees. Her spouse's ownership interest in the firm is less than 10%. • Judge Lee said that Vandenberg Johnson, operates in a partnership capacity with the Seattle law firm of Cowan Gandara, and together the two separate firms operate as Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara. Her spouse is a director with Vandenberg Johnson (the Tacoma firm) and not the collective partnership. • Judge Lee stated that she has no involvement with Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara. She said that she has no knowledge or access to any information about the customers of the firm. • Judge Lee is also 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 2012. • Judge Lee stated that as a Pierce County Superior Court Judge, she hears cases that deal with civil, criminal (including felony criminal proceedings), and juvenile matters. • Judge Lee stated that disclosure of her residential address puts herself and her family at risk of physical harm as a result of her current and past judicial decisions.
Staff Recommendations	Approve renewal of the reporting modification with no change.

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Application Questionnaire

Background Information

Filer Name: Linda CJ LeeFiler Office Held or Sought: Pierce County Superior Court, Dept. 19Date of Request: 3/11/2013Period Covered by Request: 2012

Questions

Please answer questions # 1 - # 8 below, unless:

- RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. If you are seeking only nondisclosure of a residential address, answer # 1, # 4, # 6 and # 8.
- SPOUSAL SEPARATION. If you are seeking only nondisclosure of information related to your spouse based upon a recent or pending divorce or separation, or because it relates to a bona fide separate property agreement or other bona fide separate status, answer # 1, # 4, # 7 and # 8. A request for nondisclosure may be considered when such financial interest does not constitute a present or prospective source of income for you.



1. **MODIFICATION REQUEST SUMMARY. Describe the general nature of the information you do not wish to disclose.** (Examples: financial interests where reporting the name would likely adversely affect the competitive position of an entity, customer lists of a business entity or sources of compensation/income for the entity, confidential relationships, information subject to bona fide separate property agreements, personal residential address, other).

The information sought to be excluded from reporting are the identities of clients paying more than \$10,000.00 to the law firm in which the Filer's spouse is a director. The names of these clients and the amount paid in attorneys' fees to the firm during the reporting period are confidential and not known to the Filer. Filer was made aware in the course of presiding over a case assigned to Filer's docket in 2011 that Filer's spouse had listed as clients the following school districts: Anacortes, Bethel, Bremerton, Clover Park, and Tacoma. This listing was apparently secured by a litigant from a non-public source and presented to the Filer in the course of litigation. No information regarding amount of fees paid was included. Filer was not aware of this information prior to it being presented during the course of the litigation.



2. **UNREASONABLE HARDSHIP. Describe in detail the manifestly unreasonable hardship in disclosing the information.** Please describe in detail the reasons why you believe disclosing the information would be a hardship. The reasons stated should address the issues such as those listed below. Please address those topics below that are relevant to your

specific request. For example, if you are seeking nondisclosure related to an entity, for each entity, please:

- Provide the name and description of the entity, business, union, association, not-for-profit, charitable organization, or other entity for which you are seeking a modification request from reporting the entity's disclosable customers/sources of compensation/income.

Filer's spouse is an attorney and director at Vandenberg Johnson, a law firm with approximately 20 attorneys and approximately 20 non-attorney employees. The firm is located in Tacoma, Washington. The firm represents clients in business, real estate, estate planning, litigation and municipal matters. Vandenberg Johnson operates in a partnership capacity with the Seattle law firm of Cowan Gandara. Together, the two separate firms practice as Vandenberg, Johnson & Gandara. The Filer's spouse is only a director of the Tacoma half of the partnership. The hardship that is created by the disclosure requirement comes from the Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") 1.6, which prohibits the disclosure of information relating to the representation of a client, including the amounts paid by clients to their attorneys. Requiring the Filer to have the Filer's spouse and his firm to disclose the information required by the PDC could expose Vandenberg Johnson or its individual attorneys to disciplinary action by the Washington State Bar Association based on a violation of RPC 1.6.

- Describe the size of the entity such as annual sales, number of customers or accounts, the number of employees, and other pertinent information.

See above. Other than the information provided above, Filer has no other personal knowledge.

- Describe how many business customers or other sources paying the entity more than \$10,000 would be subject to disclosure.

Filer has no access to this information and has no personal knowledge of any information responsive to this inquiry other than noted above.

- Describe if you have access to information about the entity's customer base or sources of compensation/income.

Filer has no access to the information about the entity's customer base or sources of compensation/income other than the entity is a law firm and its income is through billings paid by clients in exchange for legal services provided.

- Describe if you are involved with the day-to-day operations of the entity.

Filer is not involved in any day to day operations of the entity.

- Describe if any of the entity's customers or sources of compensation/income are already listed in other public sources or publications including advertisements, or public records.

To the best of Filer's knowledge, the names of and compensation/income from the entity's clients are not listed or advertised in any public source.

- Describe if any of the entity's customers or sources of compensation/income are already listed on a website.

Vandenberg Johnson does not have a website. However, there is a website for Vandenberg, Johnson & Gandara, which is the partnership law practice between the two law firms of Vandenberg Johnson in Tacoma and Cowan Gandara in Seattle. The website for Vandenberg, Johnson & Gandara is www.vjglaw.com. The client base of Vandenberg Johnson is not available on the website.

- If the entity has a website address, list it here:

See above.

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- If the entity's customers or sources of compensation/income are described elsewhere on the Internet, describe why you are seeking a modification (nondisclosure) for those customers or sources of compensation/income:

Filer has no information that the entity's customers or sources of compensation/income are described anywhere on the Internet.

[*Note:* along with other information provided in the Application Questionnaire, Internet information regarding entities/sources of compensation/income may be reviewed by PDC staff and/or the Commission as part of the modification process.]

- Describe if the entity has the ability to sort its customer list or sources of compensation/income to identify those paying the entity more than \$10,000 during the reporting period.

Filer has been informed that it is possible to sort the clients of Vandeberg Johnson to identify those paying more than \$10,000 per reporting period in legal fees.

- Describe if you disclosed all of the governmental customers or governmental sources of compensation/income that paid the entity more than \$10,000 in the reporting period.

Other than the information disclosed above, Filer has no personal knowledge of any governmental customers or governmental sources of compensation/income that paid the law firm more than \$10,000 in the reporting period. Filer has no access to such information.

- Indicate whether you have an ownership interest of 10% or more in the entity.

Filer understands that the Filer's spouse has less than 10% ownership interest in the entity.

- Indicate whether your spouse's interest in an entity requires you to complete an F-1 Supplement for that entity.

Filer spouse's position as a member of the board of directors of Vandeberg Johnson would require filing of the F-1 supplement for Vandeberg Johnson.

- Describe other relevant information you believe the Commission should consider as to why it would be a manifestly unreasonable hardship if the information was required to be disclosed.

Filer has no personal knowledge of the information nor does Filer have access to the information.



3. NOT FRUSTRATE THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT. Describe how allowing you to not disclose the information described in your modification request does not frustrate the purposes of the Public Disclosure Act.

Allowing non-disclosure of the information described in this modification request will not frustrate the purposes of the Public Disclosure Act. The Public Disclosure Act is not intended to require disclosure of information that is deemed confidential

under other existing laws or rules, including the rules adopted by the Washington Supreme Court relating to attorney conduct. The information described in this modification request is deemed to be confidential information under RPC 1.6. Filer has no personal knowledge (other than as noted above) of the information nor does the Filer have access to the information.

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4. **DUTIES. Describe your duties as an elected or appointed official.** Please describe the jurisdiction or agency for which you hold public office, and the duties performed by you as a public official (examples: adopting rules or ordinances, hiring staff, approving contracts, setting policy, etc.). Please provide as much description as possible.

Filer is a judge on the Pierce County Superior Court, hearing all cases within the subject matter of the Washington Superior Courts. These include, but are not limited to, civil matters (e.g., contract disputes, personal injury claims, real property disputes, probate proceedings, guardianship matters, and other civil litigation) and criminal matters (e.g., felonies).



5. **CUSTOMERS OR SOURCES OF COMPENSATION/INCOME.** If you are seeking a modification related to a particular entity's reportable customers or sources of compensation/income for an entity, describe:

- In detail the position you hold in the entity (examples: owner, board member, officer, partner, etc.) and the duties performed by you for that entity, if any (examples: setting policy, hiring, approving contracts, approving budgets, etc.). Please provide as much description as possible.

The modification being sought is not for an entity in which the Filer holds any position. Rather, the modification request relates to the Filer's spouse, who is a member of the board of directors of the law firm of Vandenberg Johnson.

- If you (or if you are seeking office, will you) make any decisions as a public official that may benefit the customers of the entity for which you are seeking a modification, or sources of compensation/income for the entity for which you are seeking a modification?

As a judge on the Pierce County Superior Court, Filer recuses from any matters involving attorneys from Vandenberg Johnson or Vandenberg, Johnson & Gandara. Therefore, Filer would not make any decisions that may benefit the entity. Other than what is brought to the Filer's attention (such as the information disclosed above) Filer has no personal knowledge of the entity's clients.



6. **RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.** Are you requesting to be exempted from disclosing the address of your personal residence in the Real Estate Section of the F-1? In this situation, you or your spouse may be a law enforcement officer, prosecutor, judge, or other official, and the disclosure of the address of your primary residence on the F-1 form could cause you or your family harm, based upon tangible evidence or a specific threat. If so, please explain in detail the **manifestly unreasonable hardship** if disclosure were required, and **why the purposes of the act would not be frustrated** if disclosure of the address was not

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required. If nondisclosure is based upon an anti-harassment or similar court order, please state.

Filer is seeking to be exempted from disclosing the address of my personal residence in the Real Estate Section of the F-1. As a judge, disclosure of my personal residential address may expose my family and myself to a risk of harm based on decisions I make or have made in the past. Non-disclosure does not frustrate the intent of the Public Disclosure Act as the Act was not intended to expose individuals to undue risk of personal harm.



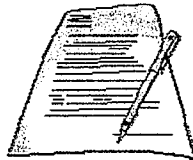
7. **SPOUSAL SEPARATION.** Are you requesting to be exempted from disclosing information related to your spouse based on a pending or recent divorce or separation, or bona fide separate property agreement or other bona fide separate status? In this situation, the filer has little or no knowledge of spouse's or former spouse's income, assets, liabilities or relationship to outside entities for which reporting may be required. (For example, do you file separate income tax returns?) The filer does not have access to spouse's or former spouse's financial information. The financial interest of the spouse or former spouse does not constitute a present or prospective source of income for the filer. If this is your situation, please describe.

No.



8. **OTHER INFORMATION.** Is there any other information you want the Commission to consider regarding your modification request? (If you are attaching any information or documents, please describe attachments.)

No.



- **IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE HEARING IN PERSON OR BY PHONE TO ATTEST THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND RESPOND TO COMMISSION QUESTIONS, YOU MUST ALSO COMPLETE AND SIGN THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.**

**Certification for an Application for a
Reporting Modification or Suspension**

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When Applicant Is Waiving Personal Appearance
At the Hearing
(Notary Not Required)

I am waiving my personal appearance at the hearing on my request for a reporting modification or suspension, and request the Commission to consider my written application. I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts set forth in the attached application for a reporting modification are true and accurate to the best of my actual knowledge or belief.

List the date of the application request: 03/11/2013

Entity or name of individual
 requesting reporting modification: Linda CJ Lee

Your signature: 

Your printed name: Linda CJ Lee

Business street address: 930 Tacoma Ave. S., Rm. 334

City, state and zip code: Tacoma, WA 98402

Telephone number: (253) 798 - 7735

E-Mail Address: llee1@co.pierce.wa.us


Date Signed: 03/11/2013

Place Signed (City and County):	Tacoma City	Pierce County
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*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that: "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a gross misdemeanor."

IF YOU FAX OR SCAN AND SEND A COPY OF THIS SIGNED CERTIFICATION VIA E-MAIL TO THE PDC WITH YOUR MODIFICATION REQUEST, THE ORIGINAL MUST STILL BE PROVIDED. RETURN THE ORIGINAL OF THIS CERTIFICATION TO:

WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
 711 Capitol Way Room 206
 P.O. Box 40908
 Olympia, WA 98504-0908
 Attn: Reporting Modification Request

 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 711 CAPITOL WAY RM 206 PO BOX 40908 OLYMPIA WA 98504-0908 (360) 753-1111 TOLL FREE 1-877-601-2828	PDC FORM F-1 (1/12)	PERSONAL FINANCIAL AFFAIRS STATEMENT	P M PDC OFFICE USE O A S R T K
	Refer to instruction manual for detailed assistance and examples.		DATE FILED PDC MAR 11 2013

Deadlines: Incumbent elected and appointed officials -- by April 15. Candidates and others -- within two weeks of becoming a candidate or being newly appointed to a position.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>DOLLAR CODE</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>\$1 to \$3,999</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>\$4,000 to \$19,999</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>\$20,000 to \$39,999</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>\$40,000 to \$99,999</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>\$100,000 or more</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DOLLAR CODE	AMOUNT	A	\$1 to \$3,999	B	\$4,000 to \$19,999	C	\$20,000 to \$39,999	D	\$40,000 to \$99,999	E	\$100,000 or more
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SEND REPORT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

Last Name: Lee First: Linda Middle Initial: CJ	Names of immediate family members, including registered domestic partner. If there is no reportable information to disclose for dependent children, or other dependents living in your household, do not identify them. Do identify your spouse or registered domestic partner. See F-1 manual for details. Mark A. Hood
Mailing Address (Use PO Box or Work Address) * P.O. Box 88010	City: Steilacoom County: Pierce Zip + 4: 98388-0010

Filing Status (Check only one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An elected or state appointed official filing annual report <input type="checkbox"/> Final report as an elected official. Term expired: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate running in an election: month _____ year _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Newly appointed to an elective office <input type="checkbox"/> Newly appointed to a state appointive office <input type="checkbox"/> Professional staff of the Governor's Office and the Legislature	Office Held or Sought Office title: <u>Judge</u> County, city, district or agency of the office, name and number: <u>Pierce County Superior Court</u> Position number: <u>19</u> Term begins: <u>1/1/2013</u> ends: <u>12/31/2016</u>
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1 INCOME List each employer, or other source of income (pension, social security, legal judgment, etc.) from which you or a family member, including registered domestic partner, received \$2,000 or more during the period. Include stock options received during the reporting period that had a value of \$2,000 or more. (Report interest and dividends in Item 3.)

Name and Address of Employer or Source of Compensation	Occupation or How Compensation Was Earned	Amount: (Use Code)
S State of Washington/Pierce County 930 Tacoma Ave. S., Rm. 334 Tacoma, WA 98402	Judge	E
SP Vandeberg, Johnson & Gandara 1201 Pacific Ave., Ste. 1900 Tacoma, WA 98402	Attorney	E

Check Here if continued on attached sheet

2 REAL ESTATE List street address, assessor's parcel number, or legal description AND county for each parcel of Washington real estate with value of over \$10,000 in which you or a family member, including registered domestic partner, held a personal financial interest during the reporting period. (Show partnership, company, etc. real estate on F-1 supplement.)

Property Sold or Interest Divested	Assessed Value (Use Code)	Name and Address of Purchaser	Nature and Amount (Use Code) of Payment or Consideration Received			
None						
Property Purchased or Interest Acquired		Creditor's Name/Address	Payment Terms	Security Given	Mortgage Amount - (Use Code)	
None					Original	Current
All Other Property Entirely or Partially Owned						
Parcel no. 297802100 (Pierce County)	E	USAA	4.75% 30 years	mortgage	E	E
Parcel no. 933900015 (Jefferson Co.)	C	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parcel nos. 933900001 & 933900002 (Jefferson Co.)	E	Chase Bank	4.875% 30 years	mortgage	E	E

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3 ASSETS / INVESTMENTS - INTEREST / DIVIDENDS

List bank and savings accounts, insurance policies, stock, bonds and other intangible property (including but not limited to stock options) held during the reporting period.

A. Name and address of each bank or financial institution in which you, a family member, including registered domestic partner, had an account over \$20,000 any time during the report period.	Type of Account or Description of Asset	Asset Value (Use Code)	Income Amount (Use Code)
Chase Bank 1102 Pacific Ave. Tacoma, WA 98402	Savings DATE FILED PDC MAR. 11 2013	D	A
B. Name and address of each insurance company where you, a family member, including registered domestic partner, had a policy with a cash or loan value over \$20,000 during the period. New York Life P.O. Box 130539 Dallas, TX 75313	Life Insurance Policy	C	None
C. Name and address of each company, association, government agency, etc. in which you, a family member, including registered domestic partner, owned or had a financial interest worth over \$2,000. Include stocks, bonds, ownership, retirement plan, IRA, notes, stock options, and other intangible property. If you, your spouse, registered domestic partner and/or dependents had decision making authority regarding individual assets/investments list each asset or investment, the value and any income amount. EXAMPLE: If you self-directed an investment account identify each stock or other asset in that account. Vanguard, Valley Forge, PA Fidelity Investments USAA State of Washington - PERS 2/JRA Boeing Co., Chicago, IL Cisco Systems Inc. General Electric Co. Starbucks Corp. Windstream Corp. Alcatel-Lucent LSI Corp. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if continued on attached sheet.	401(k) 401(k) IRA Account Retirement Account Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock	E E B D/B B A B C A A A	None None None None A A A A A None None

4 CREDITORS List each creditor you or a family member, including registered domestic partner, owed \$2,000 or more any time during the period. Don't include retail charge accounts, credit cards, or mortgages or real estate reported in Item 2.

Creditor's Name and Address	Terms of Payment	Security Given	AMOUNT (USE CODE)	
			Original	Present
USAA Federal Savings Bank 10750 McDermott Freeway San Antonio, TX 78288 Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if continued on attached sheet.	15 yrs. @ 7.14 %	Equity Line	D	0

5 All filers answer questions A thru D below. If the answer is YES to any of these questions, the F-1 Supplement must also be completed as part of this report. If all answers are NO and you are a candidate for state or local office, an appointee to a vacant elective office, or a state executive officer filing your initial report, no F-1 Supplement is required.

Incumbent elected officials and state executive officers filing an annual financial affairs report also must answer question E. An F-1 Supplement is required of these officeholders unless all answers to questions A thru E are NO.

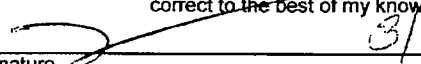
- A. At any time during the reporting period were you, your spouse, registered domestic partner or dependents (1) an officer, director, general partner or trustee of any corporation, company, union, association, joint venture or other entity or (2) a partner or member of any limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company or similar entity including but not limited to a professional limited liability company? Yes If yes, complete Supplement, Part A. - Modification Requested
- B. Did you, your spouse, registered domestic partner or dependents have an ownership of 10% or more in any company, corporation, partnership, joint venture or other business at any time during the reporting period? No If yes, complete Supplement, Part A.
- C. Did you, your spouse, registered domestic partner or dependents own a business at any time during the reporting period? No If yes, complete Supplement, Part A.
- D. Did you, your spouse, registered domestic partner or dependents prepare, promote or oppose state legislation, rules, rates or standards for compensation or deferred compensation (other than pay for a currently-held public office) at any time during the reporting period? No If yes, complete Supplement, Part B.
- E. **Only for Persons Filing Annual Report.** Regarding the receipt of items not provided or paid for by your governmental agency during the previous calendar year: 1) Did you, your spouse, registered domestic partner or dependents (or any combination thereof) accept a gift of food or beverages costing over \$50 per occasion? No or 2) Did any source other than your governmental agency provide or pay in whole or in part for you, your spouse, registered domestic partner and/or dependents to travel or to attend a seminar or other training? No If yes to either or both questions, complete Supplement, Part C.

ALL FILERS EXCEPT CANDIDATES. Check the appropriate box.

I hold a state elected office, am an executive state officer or professional staff. I have read and am familiar with RCW 42.52.180 regarding the use of public resources in campaigns.

XX I hold a local elected office. I have read and am familiar with RCW 42.17A.555 regarding the use of public facilities in campaigns.

CERTIFICATION: I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature  Date 3/11/2013

Contact Telephone: (253) 224-3442*

*CANDIDATES: Do not use public agency addresses or telephone numbers for contact information.

Email: llee1@co.pierce.wa.us (work) *

Email: lindacjlee@comcast.net (Home)
Optional

REPORT NOT ACCEPTABLE WITHOUT FILER'S SIGNATURE

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June 8, 2012

Judge Linda C.J. Lee
PO Box 88010
Steilacoom, WA 98388

Subject: Reporting Modification – calendar year 2011

Dear Judge Lee:

Enclosed is a copy of PDC Order No. 3066, granting the reporting modification you requested concerning your Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) for the 2011 calendar-year reporting period.

Reporting modifications are granted for one reporting period. If you need to renew your reporting modification request, you must do so each time you file an F-1 report. Please submit your request early enough to allow the Commission time to act on your request before the annual April 15 filing deadline.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation during the reporting modification process. If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 586-4555, toll free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at kristin.murphy@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kristin Murphy
Political Finance Specialist

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	PDC No. 3066
OF LINDA C.J. LEE FOR A)	Findings, Conclusions
REPORTING MODIFICATION)	and Order
_____)

On May 24, 2012, the application of Linda C.J. Lee, Post Office Box 88010, Steilacoom, Washington 98388, for a modification of the reporting requirements of RCW 42.17.241¹ was brought before the Public Disclosure Commission.

Consideration of the request was made pursuant to RCW 42.17A.120² and chapter 390-28 WAC by the Commission. The proceedings were held in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington, 98504. The applicant, Linda C.J. Lee, by modification application, requested renewal of the 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 2011. Judge Lee also requested renewal of the reporting modification that would exempt her from disclosing the business and other governmental customers that paid \$10,000 or more during 2011 to Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara, LLP, a law firm.

The Commission was provided with a certification from Judge Lee waiving her personal appearance at the hearing and stating that the facts contained in the request are true and accurate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based upon the Modification Application, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. Judge Lee has previously been granted the requested reporting modification, the most recent being Order No. 2998.
2. Judge Lee is an elected Superior Court Judge for Pierce County. Her current term of office expires in December 2012.
3. Judge Lee stated that as a Pierce County Superior Court Judge, she hears cases that deal with civil, criminal (including felony criminal proceedings), and juvenile matters. She stated that disclosure of her residential address puts herself and her family at risk of physical harm as a result of her current and past judicial decisions.
4. Judge Lee's spouse, Mark Hood, is a director and attorney for Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara, LLP, a Tacoma law firm that employs 20 attorneys and 20 non-attorney employees. Her spouse's ownership interest in the firm is less than 10%.

¹ RCW 42.17.241 now codified at RCW 42.17A.710 (effective January 1, 2012).

² RCW 42.17A.120 (effective January 1, 2012) formerly codified at RCW 42.17.370(10).

5. Judge Lee said that Vandenberg Johnson operates in a partnership capacity with the Seattle law firm of Cowan Gandara, and together the two separate firms operate as Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara. Her spouse is a director with Vandenberg Johnson (the Tacoma firm) and not the collective partnership.
6. Judge Lee stated that she has no involvement with Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara and has no knowledge or access to any information about the customers of the firm.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Having made these Findings of Fact, the Commission makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Literal compliance with all the provisions of the reporting requirements of RCW 42.17.241³ would work a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the applicant.
2. Limited suspension or modification of the reporting requirements as specified in the Order would not frustrate the purposes of the Act in this particular case.

ORDER

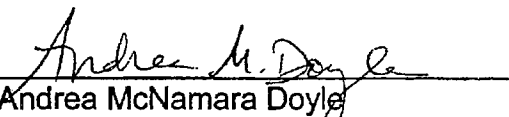
Having made these Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission issues the following Order:

For the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs required to be filed with the Public Disclosure Commission between January 1 and April 16, 2012:

1. The applicant may satisfy the reporting requirements of RCW 42.17.241(1)(j)³ with respect to her personal residence by providing the assessed value, creditor information, payment terms, security given and mortgage amount codes.
2. The applicant shall report all payments made by the Pierce County Superior Court to Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara, LLP.
3. The applicant may satisfy the reporting requirements of RCW 42.17.241(1)(g)(ii)³ without disclosing the reportable business and other governmental customers of Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara, LLP, except that she must disclose the reportable information of which she is aware.
4. The applicant shall disclose the reportable business and other governmental customers or clients of Vandenberg Johnson and Gandara, LLP, whose identities are known to the applicant and whose interests are significantly affected by the Pierce County Superior Court, to the extent not otherwise disclosed in (2) and (3).
5. In all other matters required to be reported, the applicant shall comply in full with the reporting requirements of RCW 42.17/42.17A.

DATED this 8th day of June, 2012.

FOR THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION


Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

I, <u>Kristin Murphy</u> , certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent/Applicant at his/her respective address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein.	
<u>Kristin Murphy</u> Signed	<u>6-8-12</u> Date

³ RCW 42.17.241 now codified at RCW 42.17A.710 (effective January 1, 2012).