

MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	JOHANNA BENDER
Reporting Period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual report – calendar years 2012 to 2014 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointee report – appointed May 2012
Type of Request	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with No Change <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with Change
Office Held/Sought & Term	District Court Judge, King County Elected term expires December, 2018
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)
Supporting Documents (attached)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current F-1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application <input type="checkbox"/> Prior order (if renewal)
History (brief narrative)	<p>Judge Bender was appointed to the King County District Court in May 2012 and was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement for the previous 12 months as a newly appointed District Court Judge.</p> <p>Judge Bender was elected to the King County District Court in 2012 and re-elected in 2014 and was required to file an F-1 each calendar year for 2012, 2013, and 2014.</p>
Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Bender 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. • Judge Bender was appointed to the King County District Court in May 2012, elected later the same year and re-elected in 2014. She is requesting a modification that would exempt her from disclosing real estate, including street address, parcel number, or legal description, for properties previously listed on F-1 and F-1a reports for calendar years 2012 to 2014. • Judge Bender stated that she often presides over criminal misdemeanor proceedings, civil protection order trials, civil infraction hearings, small claims trials, and collections actions. She stated that

	<p>she currently presides over the King County Regional Mental Health Court and the King County Regional Veterans Court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge Bender stated that the individuals coming before her in court proceedings suffer from severe mental illness. She stated that she has not personally received threats but that she is concerned for the safety of herself and her family.
Other Issues	Judge Bender disclosed creditor information, payment terms, security given and mortgage amounts for her personal residence.
Staff Recommendations	Approve the requested reporting modification.