

MODIFICATION REQUEST COVER SHEET

Name of Filer	KRISTIN E. BALLINGER
Reporting Period	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointee report – January 10, 2021 to January 9, 2022
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 2 Current term expires December 31, 2022 (election November 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.</p> <p>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 January 20, 2022) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification Application
Reason(s) for Modification (as stated by filer)	<p>Judge Ballinger is requesting a reporting modification that would exempt her from disclosing the business customers or clients that paid \$12,000 or more during the reporting period to her former law firm, Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen LLP.</p> <p>Judge Ballinger was an attorney with Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen LLP prior to her appointment to the King County Superior Court.</p> <p>Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen LLP has an office located in Seattle that employs approximately 12 attorneys and 14 other staff members.</p>

	<p>Judge Ballinger stated that some of the firm's reportable clients may be listed on the firm's website or in court documents but attests that she no longer has access to any of the client names or payment information.</p>
Other Issues	<p>In her application, Judge Ballinger stated that the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Washington State Attorney General's Office are both clients of Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen LLP.</p> <p>Judge Ballinger stated that she is subject to strict and enforced rules of conduct concerning which matters she hears.</p> <p>Judge Ballinger has agreed to recuse herself if a matter came before her involving a conflict of interest between her former law firm, Harrigan Leyh Farmer & Thomsen LLP and the King County Superior Court, as required by the Canons of Judicial Conduct.</p>