

## Application Questionnaire

### Background Information

Filer Name: Karen Donohue

Filer Office Held or Sought: Seattle Municipal Court Judge, Position 6

Date of Request: March 13, 2017

Period Covered by Request: January 2016 – December 2016

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### 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. **EMAIL AUTHORIZATION.** Check the box below to give the PDC permission to provide future correspondence about your request – including hearing orders – to you by email.

I authorize the PDC to provide future correspondence to me email rather than sending it through the U. S. mail.

Email address: Karen.Donohue@Seattle.gov

2. **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).

Personal residential address

3. **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.

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

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- Describe how many business customers or other sources paying the entity more than \$12,000 would be subject to disclosure.

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

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

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- 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.

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

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

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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:

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[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 \$12,000 during the reporting period.

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- Describe if you disclosed all of the governmental customers or governmental sources of compensation/income that paid the entity more than \$12,000 in the reporting period.

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

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

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- 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.

**While presiding over criminal misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases, including domestic violence, harassment and other violent crimes, I have been threatened by individuals appearing before me. In December 2015, I received a letter at my home from someone purporting to be a criminal defendant that had appeared before me. In the anonymous letter, the individual threatened harm to me and my family. Seattle Police have a copy of the letter in an inactive case file. I have disclosed all other information, but for the safety of me and my family I do not wish to disclose my residential address.**



4. **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.

All requested information about my income and property is included in my Personal Financial Affairs Statement, which provides interested parties with assurance that my private financial dealings do not constitute any conflict of interest between public trust and private interest. As this is the stated purpose of the policy contained in the Public Disclosure Act, I do not believe my request frustrates said purpose.



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- 5. **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.

Seattle Municipal Court Judge, presiding over criminal misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases.



- 6. **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.

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- 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?

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

**Please see answer in # 3, above.**



8. **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.
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9. **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.)
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- **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  
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: March 13, 2017

Entity or name of individual  
requesting reporting modification: Judge Karen Donohue

Your signature: 

Your printed name: Karen Donohue

Business street address: 600 Fifth Avenue, Room 1037; P.O. Box 34987

City, state and zip code: Seattle, WA 98124

Telephone number: (206) 684 - 8709

E-Mail Address: Karen.donohue@seattle.gov

Date Signed: 3/13/17

Place Signed (City and County):  
Seattle
King  
City
County

\*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