

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
CHAPTER 2.64 RCW**

2.64.111 EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE-RECORDS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, WHEN. All pleadings, papers, evidence records, and files of the commission, including complaints and the identity of complainants, compiled or obtained during the course of an investigation or initial proceeding involving the discipline or retirement of a judge or justice, are exempt from the public disclosure requirements of 42.17 RCW during such investigation of initial proceeding. As of the date of a public hearing, all those records of the initial proceeding that were the basis of a finding of probable cause are subject to the public disclosure requirements of chapter 42.17 RCW.

2.64.113 CONFIDENTIALITY-VIOLATIONS. The commission shall provide by rule for confidentiality of its investigations and initial proceedings in accordance with article iv, section 31 of the state Constitution.

Any person violating a rule on confidentiality is subject to a proceeding for contempt in superior court.

**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT RULES
TITLE 292 WAC**

WAC-292-08-050 CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

WAC 292-08-050 Confidentiality Provisions. (1) Except as provided in this rule and WAC292-12-030 and WAC 292-12-040, the fact that a complaint has been made, or a statement has been given to the commission and all papers and matters submitted to the commission together with the investigation and initial proceedings conducted pursuant to these rules, shall be confidential. However, the person filing a complaint or giving a statement to the commission is not prohibited by these rules from informing any other party, or the public generally, of the factual basis upon which a complaint is based, or a statement is given.

(2) The statement of charges alleging judicial misconduct or disability shall be available for public inspection as provided in WAC 292-12-030(1). The fact -finding hearing before the commission, a subcommittee of the commission or a master shall be open to the public; however, deliberation of the fact-finder in reaching a decision on the statement of charges shall be conducted in executive session.

(3) In the following circumstances, the commission may, with the permission of the judge, make a public statement regarding complaints concerning the judge which would otherwise be confidential:

(a) If public statements that charges are pending before the commission are substantially unfair to a judge; or,

(b) If a judge is publicly associated with violating a rule of judicial conduct or with having a disability, and the commission, after a preliminary investigation has determined there is no basis for further proceedings or for a recommendation of discipline or retirement.

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COMPLAINT FORM

No. _____

This form is designed to provide the Commission with information required to make an initial evaluation of your complaint, and to begin an investigation of the allegations you make. Please read the accompanying materials on the Commission's function and procedures before you complete this form.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____ - _____ Evening Phone (____) _____ - _____

Name of Judge _____

Court _____

Case Name and Docket Number, if applicable _____

Attorneys involved (if you wish to name them) _____

If this complaint relates to a trial or other court proceeding, has it been or will it be appealed?

Yes No Not applicable

Please state briefly the general nature of your complaint. (If you wish, you may refer to the Code of Judicial Conduct which you can find in Volume 0 of the Revised Code of Washington.)

SUPPORTING FACTS:

Please state specific facts to support your allegation(s) of judicial misconduct. Include all pertinent dates, and name(s) of persons present, if known. Attach any documents which may support your position. Attach additional sheets if the space provided below is not sufficient.
