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September 28, 1976

Honorable John H. Moskowitz
Judge of the Superior Court
203-J Hall of Justice
Santa Rosa, California 95401

Dear Judge Moskowitz:

This letter is in response to your inquiry of September 3, 1976, concerning your filing obligations under the campaign and personal financial disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act.

Government Code Section 87204 requires superior court judges to file statements of economic interests upon leaving office. You must, therefore, file a statement on Form 721 covering the period from May 5, 1976, the effective date of legislation requiring judges of courts of record to file disclosure statements, through the date on which you leave office. Your statement must be filed with the Clerk of the Sonoma County Superior Court any time within 30 days after leaving office. The Clerk will retain a copy of your statement and send the original to our office for review. Form 721 and instruction manual are enclosed.

You stated in our telephone conversation on September 20, 1976, that you and your committee filed post-election campaign statements for the June 1976 primary election at which you were an unsuccessful candidate for re-election. You stated further that neither you nor your committee anticipate additional receipts or expenditures. Since Government Code Section 84206 exempts judges who have no activity during the specified periods from filing off-year campaign statements, you will have no further reporting obligations under the Act's campaign disclosure provisions as long as you receive no contributions or make any expenditures.

If you need further assistance, please contact our staff.

Sincerely,

Nan Hambleton
Special Compliance Representative

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Enclosure

bcc: Jeanne P.

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SUPERIOR COURT
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COUNTY OF SONOMA

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DEPARTMENT NO. 2

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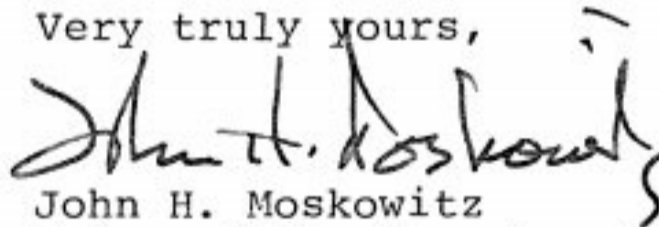
The Technical Assistance/
Administration Section
Fair Political Practices Commission
P. O. Box 807
Sacramento, CA 95804

Gentlemen:

I plan to retire as an active judge at the conclusion of my present term at the end of this year. Please let me know if I will be required to file Form 721 within 30 days of leaving office. If so, will you please send Form 721 to me with such instructions or other information as may be available concerning its use.

Please also let me know whether I will be required to include a statement of campaign contributions received by my committee during 1976. These contributions have already been fully reported in statements of the candidate and the committee heretofore filed. Will it suffice simply to refer to the filed statements for particulars concerning these contributions?

Very truly yours,



John H. Moskowitz
Judge of the Superior Court

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