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Dear Ms. Peskoe:

This letter is in answer to your letter dated September 12, 1979, requesting information with respect to financial disclosure by members of the judiciary in California.

Judges of courts of record have been required since 1976 by California's Political Reform Act to complete and file Statements of Economic Interests. Other state and local officials have been required to file since the inception of the Political Reform Act in 1975. (See Government Code Section 87200, enclosed.)

These Statements are filed annually between January 1 and March 1, covering the period of the preceding calendar year. In addition, Statements must be filed by candidates for judicial office and persons assuming or leaving judicial office. (See Government Code Section 87201, 87205.)

Generally, judges are required to disclose investments and income from sources in the jurisdiction or who are doing business, planning to do business or have done business in the jurisdiction during the past two years, interests in real property and gifts. Jurisdiction is defined as the State of California with respect to judges. (See Government Code Sections 82028, 82029, 82030, 82033, 82034, 82035, 87206-87210.)

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The Statements are filed with the clerk of the court who retains a copy and forwards the original to the Fair Political Practices Commission. The Statements are reviewed by the Commission's Documents Examiner to make sure that they conform on their face with the requirements of the law.

Enclosed are blank Statements of Economic Interests, Form 720 and Form 721 and their Instruction Manuals, a copy of the Political Reform Act, and a copy of 2 Cal. Adm. Code Section 18723. The sections which will be most helpful to you have been marked.

Please call me or Gina Todd at (916) 322-6444 with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Ralph J. Gampell, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, California Judicial Council, I am requesting some assistance from you.

As you know, there has recently been implemented, by the Administrative Office of the United States, rules and regulations regarding financial disclosure by judicial officers and employees. This has been required by Public Law 95-521 and applies to:

"All justices and judges appointed to hold office during good behavior; judges of the district courts in the Canal Zone, Guam and the Virgin Islands; judges of the courts of the District of Columbia; bankruptcy judges; United States magistrates; judicial employees who perform 'adjudicatory functions' (including bankruptcy judges and U.S. magistrates) or who are compensated at or in excess of the minimum rate for grade 16 of the General Schedule, 5 U.S.C. 5332."

In New Jersey there is no comparable financial disclosure requirement applicable to the Judicial Branch nor is there such a requirement with respect to the Legislative Branch. The Governor has, by executive order, required such disclosure of certain of the higher level Executive Branch officeholders.

For the information of the Chief Justice of New Jersey, I would appreciate your letting me know whether in your state there is any requirement with respect to financial disclosure by officeholders at the state level and, specifically, whether such a requirement applies to the Judiciary. If the Judiciary is required to make such financial disclosure, I would appreciate your explaining, in as much detail as possible, what the requirements are, how the program is administered, how long it has been in effect and other relevant matters.

In order that I might give the Chief Justice a timely report, I would appreciate hearing from you, if at all possible, by September 28, 1979.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Ralph J. Gampell