



California Fair Political Practices Commission

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Veronica Jamba
Los Angeles County Superior Court
111 North Hill Street, Room 105E
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Your Request for Confirmation
of Telephone Assistance
Our File No. I-92-387

Dear Ms. Jamba:

You have requested confirmation of telephone assistance provided to you concerning the conflict of interest disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").^{1/} Since you do not identify the person or persons to whom this question applies, we treat your request as one for informal assistance under Regulation 18329(b)(2)(A) and (C).^{2/}

You asked whether pro tem judges are required to file statements of economic interests (Form 721) under the provisions of the Political Reform Act. Regulation 18724 provides:

Court commissioners, pro tem or retired judges shall not file statements of economic interests pursuant to Government Code Sections 87200, et seq., if they serve or expect to serve less than 30 days in any 12 month period. Provided, however, that this section shall not excuse these individuals from any filing obligations imposed by a conflict of interest code adopted pursuant to Government Code Sections 87300, et seq.

^{1/} Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

^{2/} Informal assistance does not provide the requestor with the immunity provided by an opinion or formal written advice. (Section 83114; Regulation 18329 (c)(3).)

Regulation 18724 is applicable to judges who are assigned to hear cases on behalf of the County in its duty to provide judges to hear such cases. Judges who hear cases under a private agreement to which the County is not a party are not covered by Regulation 18724.

I hope this letter satisfactorily responds to your question. Please call me at (916) 322-5662 if you have questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

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