

**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY****State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****HB4069**

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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

New Act

Creates the Supreme Court Ethics Act. Directs a Supreme Court Judge to disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the Supreme Court Judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned. Specifies circumstances in which a Supreme Court Judge's impartiality might be reasonably questioned. Requires a Supreme Court Judge to keep informed about the Supreme Court Judge's personal and fiduciary economic interests and to make a reasonable effort to keep informed about the personal economic interests of the Supreme Court Judge's spouse or domestic partner and the Supreme Court Judge's children. Authorizes a Supreme Court Judge to disclose on the record the basis of the Supreme Court Judge's disqualification and to ask the parties and their lawyers to consider, outside the presence of the Supreme Court Judge and court personnel, whether to waive disqualification. Requires a Supreme Court Judge to disclose on the record information that the Supreme Court Judge believes the parties or their lawyers might reasonably consider relevant to a possible motion for disqualification, even if the Supreme Court Judge believes there is no basis for disqualification. Prohibits a Supreme Court Judge, a Supreme Court Judge's spouse, a Supreme Court Judge's domestic partner, or a Supreme Court Judge's children from accepting any gifts, loans, bequests, benefits, favors, or other things of value, except as specified in the Act. Requires a Supreme Court Judge to file annually with the Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court a verified written statement of economic interests on an Illinois Judicial Statement of Economic Interests Form. Specifies the contents of the Illinois Judicial Statement of Economic Interests Form. Authorizes the Judicial Inquiry Board to investigate any alleged violation of the Act. Provides that, if after an investigation and upon determination by the Judicial Inquiry Board that there is a reasonable basis to publicly charge a Supreme Court Judge with a violation of the Act, the Judicial Inquiry Board may file and prosecute a complaint before the Illinois Courts Commission. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning courts.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Supreme Court Ethics Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Section:

7 "Benefits" means honoraria, reimbursement of expenses, and  
8 waivers of fees.

9 "Covered person" means the Supreme Court Judge and the  
10 Supreme Court Judge's spouse, the Supreme Court Judge's  
11 domestic partner, and the Supreme Court Judge's children.

12 "De minimis", in the context of interests pertaining to  
13 disqualification of a Supreme Court Judge, means an  
14 insignificant interest that could not raise a reasonable  
15 question regarding the Supreme Court Judge's impartiality.

16 "Domestic partner" means a person with whom another person  
17 maintains a household and an intimate relationship, other than  
18 a person's legal spouse.

19 "Economic interest" means ownership of more than a de  
20 minimis legal or equitable interest. Except for situations in  
21 which the Supreme Court Judge participates in the management  
22 of such a legal or equitable interest or the interest could be  
23 substantially affected by the outcome of a proceeding before a

1 Supreme Court Judge, "economic interest" does not include (1)  
2 an interest in the individual holdings within a mutual or  
3 common investment fund; (2) an interest in securities held by  
4 an educational, religious, charitable, fraternal, or civic  
5 organization in which the Supreme Court Judge or the Supreme  
6 Court Judge's spouse, domestic partner, parent, or child  
7 serves as a director, an officer, an advisor, or other  
8 participant; (3) a deposit in a financial institution or  
9 deposits or proprietary interests the Supreme Court Judge may  
10 maintain as a member of a mutual savings association or credit  
11 union or similar proprietary interests; or (4) an interest in  
12 the issuer of government securities held by the Supreme Court  
13 Judge.

14 "Fiduciary" includes relationships such as executor,  
15 administrator, trustee, or guardian.

16 "Impartial", "impartiality", and "impartially" mean  
17 absence of bias or prejudice in favor of, or against,  
18 particular parties or classes of parties, as well as  
19 maintenance of an open mind in considering issues that may  
20 come before a Supreme Court Judge.

21 "Income" means dividends, interest, rent, royalties, or  
22 distributions.

23 "Independence" means a Supreme Court Judge's freedom from  
24 influence or controls other than those established by law.

25 "Integrity" means probity, fairness, honesty, uprightness,  
26 and soundness of character.

1 "Knowingly", "knowledge", "known", and "knows" mean actual  
2 knowledge of the fact in question. A person's knowledge may be  
3 inferred from the circumstances.

4 "Member of a Supreme Court Judge's family residing in the  
5 Supreme Court Judge's household" means any relative of a  
6 Supreme Court Judge by blood or marriage, or a person treated  
7 by a Supreme Court Judge as a member of the Supreme Court  
8 Judge's family, who resides in the Supreme Court Judge's  
9 household.

10 "Ordinary social hospitality" includes the routine  
11 amenities, favors, and courtesies which are normally exchanged  
12 between friends and acquaintances, and which would not create  
13 an appearance of impropriety to a reasonable, objective  
14 observer. The touchstone of this objective test is a careful  
15 consideration of social custom. Factors relevant to this  
16 inquiry include (1) the monetary value of the gift, loan,  
17 bequest, or other item transferred from the donor or lender to  
18 the Supreme Court Judge; (2) the relationship between the  
19 Supreme Court Judge and the donor or lender; (3) the social  
20 practices and customs associated with transfers of the type  
21 made between the Supreme Court Judge and donor or lender; and  
22 (4) the circumstances of the transaction.

23 "Record date" means December 31 of the year immediately  
24 preceding the date upon which the statement of economic  
25 interests must be filed under this Act.

26 "Retirement/investment accounts" means all assets valued

1 in excess of \$1,000 in which any covered person has an  
2 ownership interest, including those assets owned in an  
3 Individual Retirement Account (IRA), 401(k) plan, 403(b) plan,  
4 457 plan, deferred compensation plan administered by the State  
5 of Illinois, 529 college savings plan, Illinois Uniform  
6 Transfers to Minors Act account, or similar account.

7 "Supreme Court Judge" means a judge of the Illinois  
8 Supreme Court.

9 "Third degree of relationship" includes the following  
10 persons: great-grandparent, grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt,  
11 brother, sister, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, nephew,  
12 and niece.

13 Section 10. Judicial disqualification.

14 (a) A Supreme Court Judge shall disqualify himself or  
15 herself in any proceeding in which the Supreme Court Judge's  
16 impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including, but  
17 not limited to, the following circumstances:

18 (1) The Supreme Court Judge has a personal bias or  
19 prejudice concerning a party or a party's lawyer or  
20 personal knowledge of facts that are in dispute in the  
21 proceeding.

22 (2) The Supreme Court Judge knows that the Supreme  
23 Court Judge, the Supreme Court Judge's spouse or domestic  
24 partner, a person within the third degree of relationship  
25 to either of them, or the spouse or domestic partner of

1       such a person is:

2               (A) a party to the proceeding or an officer,  
3       director, general partner, managing member, or trustee  
4       of a party;

5               (B) acting as a lawyer in the proceeding;

6               (C) a person who has more than a de minimis  
7       interest that could be substantially affected by the  
8       proceeding; or

9               (D) likely to be a material witness in the  
10      proceeding.

11       (3) The Supreme Court Judge knowingly, individually,  
12      or as a fiduciary or the Supreme Court Judge's spouse,  
13      domestic partner, parent, or child, wherever residing, or  
14      any other member of the Supreme Court Judge's family  
15      residing in the Supreme Court Judge's household has an  
16      economic interest in the subject matter in controversy or  
17      is a party to the proceeding.

18       (4) The Supreme Court Judge, while a Supreme Court  
19      Judge or a judicial candidate, has made a public  
20      statement, other than in a court proceeding, judicial  
21      decision, or opinion that commits or appears to commit the  
22      Supreme Court Judge to reach a particular result or rule  
23      in a particular way in the proceeding or controversy.

24       (5) The Supreme Court Judge:

25               (A) served as a lawyer in the matter;

26               (B) represented any party to the matter while

1 engaged in the private practice of law within a period  
2 of 7 years following the last date on which the Supreme  
3 Court Judge represented the party;

4 (C) within the preceding 3 years was associated in  
5 the private practice of law with any law firm or lawyer  
6 currently representing any party in the matter,  
7 provided that referral of cases when no monetary  
8 interest was retained shall not be deemed an  
9 association within the meaning of this subparagraph;

10 (D) served in governmental employment and in such  
11 capacity participated personally and substantially as  
12 a lawyer or public official concerning the matter or  
13 has publicly expressed in such capacity an opinion  
14 concerning the merits of the particular matter;

15 (E) was a material witness concerning the matter;  
16 or

17 (F) previously presided as a Supreme Court Judge  
18 over the matter in another court.

19 (6) During an election cycle, the Supreme Court Judge  
20 and any political committee acting on behalf of the  
21 Supreme Court Judge have accepted, from an individual or  
22 political committee, contributions that, in the aggregate,  
23 exceed the limitations on campaign contributions that may  
24 be made to a political party committee by a political  
25 action committee under Section 9-8.5 of the Election Code  
26 as adjusted from time to time by the State Board of

1 Elections under subsection (g) of that Section.

2 When disqualifying himself or herself in a proceeding, the  
3 Supreme Court Judge shall state the reason for his or her  
4 refusal.

5 (b) A Supreme Court Judge shall keep informed about the  
6 Supreme Court Judge's personal and fiduciary economic  
7 interests and make a reasonable effort to keep informed about  
8 the personal economic interests of the Supreme Court Judge's  
9 spouse or domestic partner and the Supreme Court Judge's  
10 children.

11 (c) A Supreme Court Judge subject to disqualification  
12 under this Section, other than for bias or prejudice under  
13 paragraph (1) of subsection (a), may disclose on the record  
14 the basis of the Supreme Court Judge's disqualification and  
15 may ask the parties and their lawyers to consider, outside the  
16 presence of the Supreme Court Judge and court personnel,  
17 whether to waive disqualification. If, following the  
18 disclosure, the parties and lawyers agree, without  
19 participation by the Supreme Court Judge or court personnel,  
20 that the Supreme Court Judge should not be disqualified, the  
21 Supreme Court Judge may participate in the proceeding. The  
22 agreement shall be incorporated into the record of the  
23 proceeding.

24 (d) Under this Section, a Supreme Court Judge is  
25 disqualified whenever the Supreme Court Judge's impartiality  
26 might reasonably be questioned, regardless of whether any of



1 the specific provisions of subsection (a) apply.

2 (e) A Supreme Court Judge's obligation not to hear or  
3 decide matters in which disqualification is required applies  
4 regardless of whether a motion to disqualify is filed.

5 (f) The rule of necessity may override the rule of  
6 disqualification. In matters that require immediate action,  
7 the Supreme Court Judge must disclose on the record the basis  
8 for possible disqualification.

9 (g) The fact that a lawyer in a proceeding is affiliated  
10 with a law firm with which a relative of the Supreme Court  
11 Judge is affiliated does not itself disqualify the Supreme  
12 Court Judge. If, however, the Supreme Court Judge's  
13 impartiality might reasonably be questioned under subsection  
14 (a) or the relative is known by the Supreme Court Judge to have  
15 an interest in the law firm that could be substantially  
16 affected by the proceeding under subparagraph (C) of paragraph  
17 (2) of subsection (a), the Supreme Court Judge's  
18 disqualification is required.

19 (h) A Supreme Court Judge shall disclose on the record  
20 information that the Supreme Court Judge believes the parties  
21 or their lawyers might reasonably consider relevant to a  
22 possible motion for disqualification, even if the Supreme  
23 Court Judge believes there is no basis for disqualification.

24 (i) A Supreme Court Judge's use of social media or social  
25 networking platforms may create the appearance of a  
26 relationship between the Supreme Court Judge and litigants or

1 lawyers who may appear before the Supreme Court Judge. Whether  
2 a relationship would cause the Supreme Court Judge's  
3 impartiality to "reasonably be questioned" depends on the  
4 facts. While the labels used by the social media or social  
5 networking platform are not dispositive of the nature of the  
6 relationship, Supreme Court Judges shall consider the manner  
7 in which the rules on disqualification have been applied in  
8 traditional contexts and the additional ways in which social  
9 media or social networking platforms may amplify any  
10 connection to the Supreme Court Judge.

11 Section 15. Acceptance of gifts, loans, bequests, favors,  
12 benefits, or other things of value.

13 (a) A covered person shall not accept any gifts, loans,  
14 bequests, benefits, favors, or other things of value, except  
15 as follows:

16 (1) any items or items from any one source during a  
17 calendar year having a cumulative total value of less than  
18 \$100;

19 (2) gifts, loans, bequests, benefits, favors, or other  
20 things of value from individuals whose relationship with  
21 the covered person would require disqualification of the  
22 Supreme Court Judge under Section 10;

23 (3) ordinary social hospitality;

24 (4) commercial or financial opportunities and  
25 benefits, including special pricing and discounts, and

1 loans from lending institutions in their regular course of  
2 business, if the same opportunities and benefits or loans  
3 are made available on the same terms to similarly situated  
4 persons who are not covered persons;

5 (5) rewards and prizes given to competitors or  
6 participants in random drawings, contests, or other events  
7 that are open to persons who are not covered persons;

8 (6) scholarships, fellowships, and similar benefits or  
9 awards, if they are available to similarly situated  
10 persons who are not covered persons, based upon the same  
11 terms and criteria;

12 (7) books, magazines, journals, audiovisual materials,  
13 and other resource materials supplied by publishers on a  
14 complimentary basis for official use;

15 (8) gifts incident to a public testimonial;

16 (9) invitations to a covered person or the guest of a  
17 Supreme Court Judge to attend without charge:

18 (A) an event associated with a bar-related  
19 function or other activity relating to the law, the  
20 legal system, or the administration of justice; or

21 (B) an event associated with any of the Supreme  
22 Court Judge's educational, religious, charitable,  
23 fraternal, or civic activities permitted by the  
24 Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023, if the same  
25 invitation is offered to nonjudges who are engaged in  
26 similar ways in the activity as is the Supreme Court

1 Judge;

2 (10) gifts, loans, bequests, benefits, favors, or  
3 other things of value, only if the donor is not a party or  
4 other person whose interests have come or are likely to  
5 come before the Supreme Court Judge, including lawyers who  
6 practice or have practiced before the Supreme Court Judge  
7 or the cumulative total value of the gifts, loans,  
8 bequests, benefits, favors, or other things of value is  
9 less than \$100 in a calendar year; and

10 (11) gifts loans, bequests, benefits, favors, or other  
11 things of value the acceptance of which is allowed under  
12 subsection (c).

13 (b) Whenever a covered person accepts a gift or other  
14 thing of value without paying fair market value, there is a  
15 risk that the benefit might be viewed as intended to influence  
16 the Supreme Court Judge's decision in a case. This Section  
17 prohibits the acceptance of benefits except in circumstances  
18 where the risk of improper influence is low.

19 (c) Gift giving between friends and relatives is a common  
20 occurrence and ordinarily does not create an appearance of  
21 impropriety or cause reasonable persons to believe that the  
22 Supreme Court Judge's independence, integrity, or impartiality  
23 has been compromised. In addition, when the appearance of  
24 friends or relatives in a case would require the Supreme Court  
25 Judge's disqualification under Section 10, there would be no  
26 opportunity for a gift to influence the Supreme Court Judge's

1 decision-making. Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) places no  
2 restrictions upon the ability of a covered person to accept  
3 gifts or other things of value from friends or relatives under  
4 these circumstances.

5 (d) Businesses and financial institutions frequently make  
6 available special pricing, discounts, and other benefits,  
7 either in connection with a temporary promotion or for  
8 preferred customers based upon longevity of the relationship,  
9 volume of business transacted, and other factors. A covered  
10 person may freely accept such benefits if they are available  
11 to the general public or if the covered person qualifies for  
12 the special price or discount according to the same criteria  
13 as are applied to persons who are not covered persons.

14 (e) This Section applies only to acceptance of gifts or  
15 other things of value by covered persons.

16 (f) Contributions to a Supreme Court Judge's campaign for  
17 judicial office are governed by paragraph (6) of subsection  
18 (a) of Section 10 of this Act and the Illinois Code of Judicial  
19 Conduct of 2023.

20 (g) Disclosure of economic interests, including gifts, is  
21 governed by Sections 20 and 25.

22 Section 20. Reporting requirements.

23 (a) A Supreme Court Judge shall file annually with the  
24 Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court a verified written  
25 statement of economic interests on an Illinois Judicial

1 Statement of Economic Interests Form that is substantially  
2 similar to the form prescribed in Section 25.

3 (b) The disclosure of economic interests under this  
4 Section is intended to (1) maintain and promote public  
5 confidence in the integrity, impartiality, fairness, and  
6 independence of the judiciary; (2) provide public information  
7 bearing on Supreme Court Judges' potential conflicts of  
8 interest; and (3) foster compliance with this Act and Illinois  
9 Supreme Court Rules. The statement of economic interests is  
10 designed to achieve an appropriate balance with respect to  
11 particular information that might reasonably bear on these  
12 objectives between the value of public disclosure of that  
13 information, on the one hand, and Supreme Court Judges'  
14 legitimate privacy interests, on the other hand.

15 (c) The verified written statement of economic interests  
16 required under this Section shall be filed annually by all  
17 Supreme Court Judges on or before April 30. Statements also  
18 shall be filed by every person who becomes a Supreme Court  
19 Judge, within 45 days after assuming office. However, Supreme  
20 Court Judges who assume office on or after December 1 and who  
21 file the statement before the following April 30 shall not be  
22 required to file another statement until the next year.

23 (d) Before the first Monday in March of each year, the  
24 Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts  
25 shall inform each Supreme Court Judge of the requirements of  
26 this Section and shall provide a copy of the Illinois Judicial

1 Statement of Economic Interests Form described in Section 25.  
2 The Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois  
3 Courts shall do the same for each new Supreme Court Judge  
4 within 10 days of the Supreme Court Judge assuming office.

5 (e) The Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court is authorized  
6 to redact any personal information that is not required to be  
7 disclosed in the statement.

8 (f) The Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court shall maintain  
9 a publicly available list of all Supreme Court Judges and the  
10 last date on which each Supreme Court Judge filed the  
11 statement.

12 (g) The Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court shall send a  
13 Supreme Court Judge acknowledgment of receipt of the Supreme  
14 Court Judge's statement and the date of filing.

15 (h) The Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court shall post the  
16 contents of each statement filed with him or her and make the  
17 contents of the statement available for inspection and copying  
18 on a publicly accessible website. The postings under this  
19 subsection (h) shall not include the addresses or signatures  
20 of the filers.

21 Section 25. Illinois Judicial Statement of Economic  
22 Interests Form. The Illinois Judicial Statement of Economic  
23 Interests Form shall be substantially as follows:

24 1. NAME OF FILING SUPREME COURT JUDGE: .....

25 2. COURT AND DISTRICT/CIRCUIT: .....

1 3. CURRENT ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

2 a. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

3 i. List each financial institution in which any  
4 covered person has assets valued in excess of \$1,000,  
5 including assets held in savings accounts, checking  
6 accounts, money market accounts, certificates of deposits,  
7 or retirement/investment accounts.

8 ii. Do not provide account numbers. Multiple accounts  
9 at the same financial institution need not be separately  
10 listed.

11 Financial Institution

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18 Check if none .....

19 b. STOCKS, BONDS, ETF, AND MUTUAL FUNDS.

20 i. List stocks, bonds, exchange traded funds (ETF),  
21 and mutual funds valued in excess of \$1,000 owned by a  
22 covered person, including such assets held in a  
23 retirement/investment account.

24 ii. Do not list (1) multiple holdings of the same



1 security (e.g., multiple U.S. Treasury Notes), (2)  
 2 multiple securities issued by the same issuer, (3)  
 3 different mutual funds in the same mutual fund family, (4)  
 4 assets owned by a mutual fund or ETF, or (5) deposits or  
 5 proprietary interests held as a member of a mutual savings  
 6 association or credit union.

7	Name of Issuer or Mutual Fund	Nature of Security (i.e.,
8	or ETF Family	stock, bond, mutual fund, ETF)
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17	Check if none .....	

18 c. REAL ESTATE.

19 i. List all real estate in which any covered person  
 20 has an ownership interest, including a beneficial interest  
 21 in a land trust.

22 ii. For each personal residence of a covered person or  
 23 a covered person's family member, state "personal  
 24 residence" and do not provide address.

Address (other than for a personal residence)	Type of Property (e.g., single-family residence, condominium, farmland, etc.)	Income Received? (Yes/No)
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Check if none .....

d. PENSION PLANS. List any nonjudicial pension plan in which any covered person has an interest. This does not include (1) Individual Retirement Accounts, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, or 457 plans or (2) any benefits from the Social Security Administration.

Plan Sponsor/Administrator	Income Received? (Yes/No)
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Check if none .....

e. INTERESTS IN INTANGIBLE PROPERTY. List any interest valued in excess of \$1,000 in intangible property, not

1 reported above, owned by any covered person. This includes,  
2 but is not limited to, an interest in any partnership,  
3 corporation, limited liability company, trust, copyright,  
4 trademark, or chose in action.

5	Description of	Nature of Interest	Income Received?
6	Intangible Property		(Yes/No)
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10	Check if none .....		

11 f. EMPLOYMENT. List every paid employment of a covered  
12 person, with the exception of the filing Supreme Court Judge's  
13 judicial employment.

14	Name of Employer
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19	Check if none .....

20 g. NONINVESTMENT INCOME. List the nature of all  
21 noninvestment income, other than employment income, received  
22 by a covered person from any one source that totals at least

1 \$1,000 in the 12-month period before the record date. Income  
2 includes, but is not limited to, fees, commissions, payments  
3 for personal services, and royalties. Do not include the  
4 amount.

5 Source of Noninvestment Income Nature of Noninvestment Income  
(Commission, Royalty, etc.)

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7 .....  
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11 .....

12 Check if none .....

13 4. INDEBTEDNESS.

14 a. List all creditors to whom amounts in excess of \$1,000  
15 were owed by any covered person on the record date, and  
16 identify any sureties or guarantors of any such indebtedness.

17 b. Do not include any debt, including credit card debt,  
18 that was paid in its entirety within 90 days of when it was  
19 incurred. For these purposes, medical or dental expenses are  
20 not considered to be incurred until the amount of the covered  
21 person's financial responsibility is determined after the  
22 application of any insurance benefits.

23 c. The amount of each listed indebtedness shall be

1 reported by reference to a letter category, as follows:  
2 Category A (\$1,000.01 - \$5,000); Category B (\$5,000.01 -  
3 \$15,000); Category C (\$15,000.01 - \$50,000); Category D  
4 (\$50,000.01 - \$100,000); Category E (\$100,000.01 - \$250,000);  
5 and Category F (greater than \$250,000). This categorization  
6 shall be reported as of the record date.

7	Name of Creditor	Valuation Category	Identity of any
8		on Record Date	Surety or Guarantor
			of the Indebtedness
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16	Check if none .....		

17 5. RELATIONSHIPS WITH LAWYERS.

18 a. Identify all persons, other than covered persons, known  
19 by the filing Supreme Court Judge to be licensed or registered  
20 to practice law who, at any time within the 12-month period  
21 before the record date, was a co-owner with a covered person of  
22 any economic interest, a co-obligor with or a creditor of a  
23 covered person, or the payor to a covered person of any income,

1 payments, or benefits, required to be disclosed in paragraphs  
2 3 or 4. State the nature of each economic interest,  
3 indebtedness, or income, payments, or benefits and whether it  
4 is ongoing or terminated as of the record date.

5	Name of Lawyer	Nature of Economic	Ongoing or
6		Interest,	Terminated
7		Indebtedness, or	
8		Income, Payments, or	
		Benefits	
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11	.....	.....	.....
12	Check if none .....		

13 b. Identify all lawyers with whom the filing Supreme Court  
14 Judge was associated in the private practice of law within 3  
15 years of the date of this filing. The name of the firm may be  
16 substituted where the association was with 5 or more lawyers.

17	Name of Lawyer or Law Firm	Address
18	.....	.....
19	.....	.....
20	.....	.....
21	.....	.....
22	Check if none .....	

1 6. BOARD SERVICE. List every office or directorship held by a  
2 covered person, regardless of whether compensation is  
3 received. Do not include any uncompensated or honorary  
4 positions in educational, religious, charitable, fraternal,  
5 civic, social, or law-related organizations unless those  
6 organizations are either conducted for profit or regularly  
7 engaged in adversary proceedings in any court.

8	Name of Organization	Position Held	Compensation Received? (Yes/No)
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12	.....	.....	.....
13	Check if none .....		

14 7. LITIGATION.

15 a. List all court cases or arbitration proceedings known  
16 to the filing Supreme Court Judge pending on or within 12  
17 months before the record date in which a covered person either  
18 was a party or had more than a de minimis financial interest  
19 (i.e., a monetary interest that could not raise a reasonable  
20 question as to the Supreme Court Judge's impartiality). Do not  
21 include (1) proceedings in which a covered person is a party  
22 solely in an official capacity, (2) class actions in which a

covered person is not a named class representative, or (3)  
motor vehicle offenses that are punishable by fine only.

Case Name, Tribunal, and Case Number

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Check if none .....

b. List all cases in which the filing Supreme Court Judge  
was a referring lawyer with an economic interest that are  
still pending on the record date or that were resolved within 3  
years before the record date. Include the name of the lawyer or  
law firm to which the case was referred.

Case Name, Court Where Pending, and Case Number	Identity of Lawyer or Law Firm to Which the Case Was Referred	Pending Case? (Yes/No)
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Check if none .....		

8. FIDUCIARY POSITIONS. List all fiduciary positions held by



1 the filing Supreme Court Judge on the record date. Examples  
2 include service as a trustee, executor, estate administrator,  
3 guardian of the estate, or agent under a power of attorney for  
4 property. Do not include fiduciary positions held for the  
5 benefit of a family member of a covered person. Identify by  
6 name each person, other than a covered person, for whom the  
7 filing judge is serving as fiduciary.

8	Fiduciary Position	Name of Person for Whom the
9		Filing Supreme Court Judge Is
		Serving as Fiduciary
10	.....	.....
11	.....	.....
12	.....	.....
13	Check if none .....	

14 9. HONORARIA, REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AND WAIVERS OF FEES.  
15 List all benefits that (a) either individually or in the  
16 aggregate from the same provider of the benefits exceed \$500  
17 and (b) were received by a covered person, or a guest of the  
18 filing Supreme Court Judge in connection with an event at  
19 which the benefits were received, during the 12-month period  
20 prior to the record date. Do not report (a) waivers of fees to  
21 any unit of government or (b) reimbursement or payment of  
22 expenses, or provision of resources, by any unit of  
23 government. Identify the provider of each benefit, and state

the type of the recipient of each benefit (i.e., filing Supreme Court Judge, filing Supreme Court Judge's guest, spouse, domestic partner, or child) rather than the specific name. The value of each benefit shall be reported by reference to a letter category, as follows: Category A (\$500 - \$2,500); Category B (\$2,500.01 - \$5,000); and Category C (greater than \$5,000).

Identity of Provider of the Benefit	Description of the Benefit	Type of Recipient of the Benefit	Value of the Benefit
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Check if none .....			

10. GIFTS. List all gifts that (a) either individually or in the aggregate from the same donor exceed \$500 and (b) were received by a covered person during the 12-month period prior to the record date. Do not include gifts between covered persons or between covered persons and any of their great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. Identify the provider of each gift, and state the type of the recipient of each gift (i.e., filing

Supreme Court Judge, spouse, domestic partner, or child) rather than the specific name. The value of each gift shall be reported by reference to a letter category, as follows: Category A (\$500 - \$2,500); Category B (\$2,500.01 - \$5,000); and Category C (greater than \$5,000).

Identity of Provider of the Gift	Description of the Gift	Type of Recipient of the Gift	Value of the Gift
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Check if none .....			

11. ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES. List any economic interest not previously disclosed in this statement that could create a basis for disqualification of the filing Supreme Court Judge under Section 5 or Illinois Supreme Court Rules. Identify the person whose economic interest could create a basis for disqualification, but if that person is a covered person state the type of that covered person (i.e., filing Supreme Court Judge, spouse, domestic partner, or child) rather than the specific name.

1	Type of Covered Person or	Nature of Economic Interest
2	Identity of Other Person with	
3	an Economic Interest That Could	
4	Create a Basis for	
5	Disqualification	
6	.....	.....
7	.....	.....
8	.....	.....
9	.....	.....
10	Check if none .....	

11 VERIFICATION

12 As required under Section 20 of the Supreme Court Ethics Act, I

13 declare that this Statement of Economic Interests, including

14 any accompanying schedules and statements, has been examined

15 by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true,

16 correct, and complete.

17 .....

18 (Signature of Filing Supreme Court Judge)

19 (Date)

20 .....

21 (Printed Name of Filing Supreme Court Judge)

22 .....

1 (Email Address of Filing Supreme Court Judge)

2 Section 30. Investigation of violation by Judicial Inquiry  
3 Board. The Judicial Inquiry Board may investigate any alleged  
4 violation of this Act. If after an investigation and upon  
5 determination by the Judicial Inquiry Board that there is a  
6 reasonable basis to publicly charge a Supreme Court Judge with  
7 a violation of this Act, the Judicial Inquiry Board may file  
8 and prosecute a complaint before the Illinois Courts  
9 Commission.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.