

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend the Code of Judicial Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Canon 6D(3) of the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct be and is hereby enacted to read as follows:

D. Annual Reports.

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(3) A judge shall file initial and annual disclosure statements with the Office of the Judicial Administrator of the Supreme Court of Louisiana if the judge derives directly, or through a legal entity of which he/she owns ten percent or more, anything of economic value, when that value exceeds \$2,500, from a contract or subcontract which is related to a disaster or emergency declared by the governor, and when the judge knows or reasonably should know the contract or subcontract is or may be funded or reimbursed in whole or in part with federal funds.

Initial disclosure statements shall be due on or before March 1, 2006, or within 15 days after the judge or legal entity

enters into such a contract or subcontract, whichever occurs later. Thereafter, annual disclosure statements are due on or before January 31st. Disclosure statements shall be subject to public inspection.

Disclosure statements shall contain the following information:

(a) The name, business address and office held by the judge;

(b) If through a legal entity,

(i) the name and business address of the legal entity;

(ii) the percentage of the judge's ownership interest in the legal entity;

(iii) the position, if any, held by the judge in the legal entity;

(c) The nature of the contract or subcontract, including:

(i) the amount of the contract or subcontract;

(ii) a description of the goods or services provided or to be provided pursuant to the contract or subcontract;

(d) The amount of income or value of anything of economic value to be derived or, if the actual amount is unknown at the time the statement is due, the amount reasonably expected to be derived by the judge from the contract or subcontract.

Any judge who is subject to the provisions of this subpart shall be required to file annual disclosure statements until a disclosure statement is filed after the completion of the contract or subcontract subject to disclosure, or until the judge vacates his/her judicial office, whichever occurs first. Annual disclosure statements shall not be required for the receipt of things of economic value pursuant to contracts or subcontracts entered into prior to the judge taking office; however, if a judge receives or reasonably expects to receive a thing of economic value otherwise required to be disclosed by this subpart pursuant to the renewal of such a contract or subcontract occurring after the judge takes office, the judge shall file a disclosure statement no later than 15 days after such renewal.

This rule change shall become effective on February 1, 2006, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Order of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of January, 2006.

For the Court:

Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice