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To address issues with financial conflicts of interest, please consider amending Rule 7.1 to require a nongovernmental corporate party, when filing a disclosure statement, to certify the party has checked the assigned judges' publicly available financial disclosures and, if a conflict or possible conflict exists, will file a motion to recuse or a notice of a possible conflict of interest.

### **Rule 7.1. Disclosure Statement**

(a) WHO MUST FILE; CONTENTS. A nongovernmental corporate party must file ~~2 copies of~~ a disclosure statement that:

(1) identifies any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock; or states that there is no such corporation;

~~(2) states that there is no such corporation and~~

~~(3) certifies that the party has checked the assigned judge or judges' publicly available financial disclosures and, if a conflict or possible conflict exists, will file a motion to recuse or a notice of a possible conflict within 14 days of filing the disclosure.-~~

(b) TIME TO FILE; SUPPLEMENTAL FILING. A party must:

(1) file the disclosure statement with its first appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response, or other request addressed to the court; and

(2) promptly file a supplemental statement with a supplemental certificate, if any required information changes.

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