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Letter to the Judicial Conference

Demand Referral on Thomas & Alito Disclosure Failures

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Issue: Supreme Court Ethics — Gift Disclosure Failures
Source: Fix the Court / ProPublica, June 2024

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TEMPLATE — JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Send to: Judicial Conference of the United States, One Columbus Circle NE, Washington, DC 20544. You may also submit written comments through the Judicial Conference's public communications process. Personalize the bracketed placeholders before sending.

[Today's Date]

The Honorable John G. Roberts Jr.

Chief Justice of the United States

Chair, Judicial Conference of the United States

One Columbus Circle NE

Washington, DC 20544

Dear Chief Justice Roberts and Members of the Judicial Conference,

THE STATUTORY OBLIGATION

I write to request that the Judicial Conference fulfill its mandatory obligation under 5 U.S.C. § 13106 and refer the financial disclosure records of Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Samuel Alito to the Attorney General of the United States.

The statute is unambiguous. Where the Judicial Conference has 'reasonable cause to believe' that a covered official has 'willfully failed to file' a required report or 'willfully falsified' information in a report, it 'shall' refer the matter to the Attorney General. This is not discretionary language. It is mandatory.

THE DOCUMENTED RECORD

In June 2024, the judicial reform organization Fix the Court published a comprehensive analysis -- drawing on ProPublica's Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporting -- documenting the following:

- Justice Thomas received 103 confirmed gifts valued at more than \$2.4 million between 2004 and 2023. Including probable gifts -- primarily luxury travel arranged by Texas billionaire Harlan Crow and access to Bohemian Grove -- the total reaches approximately \$4.2 million.
- Of those gifts, Justice Thomas reported only 27 on his mandatory financial disclosures. The remaining gifts -- including private jet travel, yacht voyages, luxury resort stays, real estate transactions, and private school tuition payments -- were either omitted entirely or disclosed only after ProPublica's reporting made non-disclosure untenable.
- Justice Alito accepted gifts valued at over \$170,000, including private jet flights from hedge fund billionaire Paul Singer -- who had active cases before the Court -- without subsequently recusing himself from those cases.



The Financial Disclosure requirements applicable to Supreme Court justices under the Ethics in Government Act are not advisory. They are legal obligations. The Judicial Conference exists, in part, to ensure those obligations are enforced.

WHAT I AM ASKING

- Refer the documented financial disclosure records of Justice Thomas and Justice Alito to the Attorney General of the United States for investigation, as required by 5 U.S.C. § 13106.
- Issue a public statement on whether the Judicial Conference has examined the Fix the Court analysis and ProPublica reporting, and what findings it has reached.
- Adopt enforceable rules -- not voluntary guidelines -- governing gift acceptance and recusal for Supreme Court justices, with external review mechanisms equivalent to those applied to lower federal court judges.

The Judicial Conference supervises the administration of federal courts. Its authority extends to recommending legislation and rules. It has the power to act on this record. The question is whether it will exercise that power.

A court that exempts itself from the disclosure laws it administers is not an independent institution. It is an unaccountable one. I urge the Judicial Conference to demonstrate that the federal judiciary holds itself to the same legal standards it imposes on others.

[Your Name]

[Your City, State]

[Your Professional Affiliation (optional)]

SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

- Mail to: Judicial Conference of the United States, One Columbus Circle NE, Washington, DC 20544
- Send a copy to your U.S. Senators and Representative -- it signals constituent awareness and creates a paper trail.
- Send a copy to your state's U.S. Senators on the Senate Judiciary Committee if applicable.
- Consider sending this letter simultaneously with the congressional correspondence templates from this project for layered pressure.
- Log your action in `Actions_log.xlsx`.

Source: Fix the Court, 'A Staggering Tally,' June 6, 2024 (fixthecourt.com) | ProPublica SCOTUS investigation (propublica.org) | 5 U.S.C. § 13106