

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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IN RE THE MATTER OF)
THE RESPONSE BY SNOHOMISH) NO. 2020-7004-31-A
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO THE)
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN) THIRD AMENDMENT TO
SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND THE STATE OF) EMERGENCY ORDER #2
WASHINGTON) RE: COURT OPERATIONS
_____)

This Order Amends Emergency Order No. 2020-7004-31A solely relating to paragraph 8(f) under Commissioner Matters and there shall be an additional paragraph 8 added under the section entitled Criminal Matters. The remaining portions of Order 2020-7004-31A and any amendments to that order not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Commissioner Matters

8(f) This amendment supersedes all previous paragraphs and amendments to Paragraph 8(f). Interpreter calendars shall be limited to a total of four hearings per calendar unless, in the discretion of the Court Commissioner, the number of hearings for a particular calendar can be expanded. Matters on the interpreter calendars shall be limited to anti-harassment orders, domestic violence orders, contempt matters, and emergency parenting plan matters. Anti-harassment orders and domestic violence orders need not be confirmed and shall take priority. All other matters need to be confirmed. If the total number of cases on a calendar exceeds four matters, unless the Commissioner expands the number of cases on the calendar, all contempt and emergency parenting plan matters shall be continued to the next available date. If there are more than four anti-harassment and/or domestic violence matters set, if the Commissioner does not expand the calendar, the Commissioner shall sign an order extending the matters to the next available date, but not to exceed fourteen (14) days. A copy of the ex-parte order extending the hearing shall be mailed to the respective parties or their attorneys at the address provided to the court if all parties have been properly notified of the hearing dates set. If not, service shall be effectuated through law enforcement. Mailing of the order shall be deemed effective service. Parties for these matters may also pick up a copy of the order on the date originally set for hearing at the Courthouse Facilitator's Office.

Criminal Matters

8. Effective immediately, until further order of the Court, the Court finds that obtaining signatures from defendants for orders continuing existing matters places significant burdens on attorneys, particularly public defenders, and all attorneys who must enter correctional facilities to obtain signatures in person:

- a. Defense counsel is not required to obtain signatures from defendants on orders to continue criminal matters through April 24, 2020.

- b. The Prosecutor's office is directed to summons all pro se defendants for the new court dates.
- c. Defense Counsel is directed to provide notice to represented defendants of new court dates.
- d. Attorneys working remotely shall be permitted to sign any orders through electronic signature.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2020



Judge Bruce I. Weiss