

# **SNOHOMISH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

## **NEW LOCAL COURT RULE**

**EFFECTIVE: EMERGENT MARCH 23, 2020**

Pursuant to Washington State Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-602 in which Chief Justice Debra Stephens authorized Courts to adopt emergency rules, the following Emergency Rule is adopted immediately, amending the Emergency Rule put into place on March 17, 2020.

## **PART II. GENERAL RULES (SCLGR)**

[REPEALED]

### ~~RULE 30 DIGITAL SIGNATURES~~

~~Digital signatures shall be authorized for the signing of Criminal Information and for Affidavits of Probable Cause in all proceedings.~~

~~[Effective Emergent March 17, 2020-Repealed March 23, 2020]~~

[NEW SECTION]

### **RULE 30.A DIGITAL SIGNATURES**

(1) Until further notice, digital signatures shall be authorized in all proceedings for the signing of all pleadings, motions, responses, informations and affidavits of probable cause in support of informations, declarations, and orders. Digital signatures may be made by a judge, commissioner, party, witness, law enforcement officer, or attorney.

(2) Definitions.

(a) "Digital Signature" means a handwritten signature of an individual or third party signature transmitted by facsimile, email or other, similar electronic means of communication providing evidence of transmission.

(b) "Third Party Signature" means a handwritten signature made by an authorized third party where the signatory conveys his or her permission to the third party to sign a document on his or her behalf in person, telephonically, by facsimile, email, or other, similar electronic means of communication providing evidence of transmission, and that permission is reflected on the signature page by the third party.

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