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CLERK'S ALERT

King County Superior Court Updates Several Case Schedules

Changes to several case schedules will be implemented April 1, 2019, as a result of a 2018 Court and Clerk's office project that incorporated survey feedback from bar members experienced in specific practice areas. Copies of these new schedules in their formula format can be viewed for the month of April on the Clerk's website, https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk.aspx

A summary of the changes is as follows:

RALJ

The criminal and civil RALJ case schedules will be combined into a single schedule. Language is updated to clarify procedure for the practitioner and the case schedule deadlines are made consistent with the RALJ rules.

DOL Appeal

Updates to this schedule make it consistent with the RALJ schedule and RCW 46.20.308.

Small Claims

This is a new case schedule, replacing an informational notice previously given to the filing party. The time from filing to resolution is extended.

Property or Weapon Forfeiture Case Schedule

Language was updated in the schedule.

Administrative Law Review (ALR)

The language is simplified for ease of use for pro se petitioners/appellants. The ADR requirement is removed and the Time to Final Hearing has been reduced to 6 months. A deadline for moving for expedited hearing date has been added, due to the urgency of the need to resolve unemployment claims. The final hearings (FKA trials) are moved to be set on a non-trial date since they are always tried to the Bench. Briefing deadlines have been changed to Hearing–49 days, Hearing-21, and H-7, to allow more time for brief preparation.

Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals – Workers Comp

This is a new schedule, with a new cause of action ALRLI, developed from the ALR schedule but recognizing this as the only ALR that allows for a jury trial. Pretrial materials deadlines are added to this new schedule.

Condemnation/Eminent Domain

Several changes are made to this schedule. Several events are added, one is removed; some event deadlines are extended, some are rearranged.

Land Use Petition

Changes to this schedule include updated language in the notices and the schedule.