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CLERK'S ALERT

Amendments to King County Superior Court Local Rules go into effect September 1, 2019

King County Superior Court Local Rule amendments go into effect September 1, 2019, pursuant to GR 7. The rule changes were adopted by a majority vote of King County Superior Court Judges on June 20, 2019.

Please note a significant rule change included in this packet: The amendment to LMAR 2.1 includes an increase to the dollar limit of claims in civil cases transferred to arbitration. The limit moves to \$100,000 for all civil cases filed on or after September 1, 2019.

The amendments include changes to existing rules and the adoption of rules previously amended on an emergency basis.

The new and amended rules are:

- Local General Rules: 31
- Local Civil Rules: 7, 40.1, 55, 60, 82
- Local Mandatory Arbitration Rule: 2.1
- Local Family Law Rules: 5, 9
- Local Mental Proceeding Rule: 1.7

To view the 2019 rule amendments in a tracked changes format (.pdf), go to the Clerk's website: www.kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/rules.

Hard copy booklets of the entire set of King County Superior Court local rules effective September 1, 2019, will be available for purchase at the [Clerk's Office](#) copy center in the King County Courthouse in Seattle and the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent.