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CLERK'S ALERT

Informal Family Law Trials: New Emergency Local Family Law Rule 23

Effective immediately for cases assigned to a UFC judge, and effective January 2, 2021 for all other family law cases, parties may choose to have an Informal Family Law Trial. Informal family law trials relax the rules of evidence, and change the procedures during trial.

Each party will need to select whether they would like an informal or traditional trial. Both parties must agree to have an informal trial. Parties will indicate their choice by filling out and filing the Family Law Trial Selection form or the Joint Confirmation of Trial Readiness Form. The Family Law Trial Selection form is online at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/forms.aspx>. Click the link "The Court Clerk maintains a list of commonly used local forms (click here)."

To learn more about the procedures for an informal family law trial, review LFLR 23 at https://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/courts/Clerk/docs/LocalRules/2020-LFLR-23-Informal_Family_Law_Trials.ashx?la=en. Additional information will be posted on the Superior Court website.