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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
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IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY
KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN
WASHINGTON STATE

No. 20-0-12050-5 SEA

**EMERGENCY ORDER #18 RE:
CIVIL,
FAMILY LAW, AND
DEPENDENCY MATTERS**

This matter comes before the Court on the public health emergency in Washington State.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, based on the findings in King County Emergency Orders Nos. 1-17 (available at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court.aspx>), the March 23, 2020 Stay Home-Stay Healthy proclamation of Governor Jay Inslee (<https://bit.ly/2UfHC9M>), the March 13, 2020 Proclamation of President Donald Trump regarding the COVID-19 pandemic (<https://bit.ly/38SiuK7>), Chief Justice Debra Stephens' Orders including the latest Order (<http://www.courts.wa.gov/content/publicUpload/Supreme%20Court%20Orders/Extended%20and%20Revised%20Supreme%20Court%20Order%20042920.pdf>) and based on the Court's need to maintain public health and safety balanced against the Court's core constitutional obligations to the public.

This Court is governed by the laws of the State of Washington and Chief Justice's Emergency Orders. This Court has been deemed as "essential" function by the Governor.

The King County Superior Court now enters a revised order regarding procedures governing civil matters during the public health emergency. **This Order is effective June 5, 2020, except for Family Law Trial by Affidavit Calendars for which June 4, 2020 is the effective**

1 **date, and Family Law revision hearings, which may be set immediately. This Order**
2 **supersedes all prior Emergency Orders for Civil, Family, and Dependency.** This Order is in
3 effect until December 31, 2020. The Order may be extended beyond that date in light of the
4 COVID crisis.

5 **This Order is intended to provide a transition back to the regular business of the**
6 **Court with several important new methods of doing business that will be enforced by judicial**
7 **officers.** King County Superior Court has adopted widespread use of video and telephonic
8 technologies and intends to order the use of these technologies in many cases. Our Court is
9 promulgating public health guidelines for those who visit in person, which will include the
10 requirement to wear a mask and social distancing.

11 All parties and persons are encouraged to monitor the King County Superior Court website
12 at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court.aspx> for these matters and for updates.

13 **A. CIVIL DEPARTMENT**

- 14 1. All civil jury trials are continued to a date on or after August 3, 2020. A task force
15 convened by the Court is currently examining how to address challenges regarding
16 jury trials during the public health emergency.
- 17 2. The individual calendar (IC)/assigned trial judge shall set a new trial date for all civil
18 trials that must be continued pursuant to paragraph 1. No later than June 16, 2020, the
19 parties may either submit an agreed order for a new trial date, or if the parties cannot
20 agree, either party may file a motion to set a new trial date.
- 21 3. All **court hearings will be conducted** by telephone, video, or other electronic means.
22 In rare circumstances and with the court's approval, the parties may appear in-person
23 and must comply with social distancing requirements.
- 24 4. Bench trials scheduled on or after June 8, 2020 will be conducted via video. In rare
25 circumstances and with the court's approval, bench trials may occur in-person if social

1 distancing requirements can be met. The assigned judge will hold pretrial conferences
2 for each case to discuss trial readiness and specifics of proceeding with trial. **Pretrial**
3 **orders and protocols of how to conduct a trial by video in King County are**
4 **forthcoming.**

- 5 5. All hearings for judicial review of agency action, judicial review of land use decisions,
6 appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction (including criminal RALJ appeals), and
7 motions for revision of commissioners' rulings shall be heard without oral argument
8 unless specifically requested by the assigned judge. If the court requests oral argument,
9 it will be conducted consistent with paragraph 3.
- 10 6. The Court continues to find good cause to alter the time limits in LCR 7(b) to a nine
11 court-day motion as stated in Emergency Order #15. This includes motions noted in
12 the Ex Parte Department pursuant to LCR 40.1. The moving party shall serve and file
13 all motion documents no later than nine court-days before the date the party wishes the
14 motion to be considered; opposing documents will be filed and served no later than
15 4:30 p.m. four court-days before the motion is to be considered; and any optional strict
16 reply will be filed and served no later than 4:30 p.m. two court-days before the hearing.
- 17 7. The Court previously found good cause to waive the oral argument provisions in LCR
18 56 and LCR 7(b)(4)(B). As of the date of this order, oral argument will be allowed
19 pursuant to those rules. Argument shall be by remote appearance of the parties, either
20 by telephone or by video (when the court has video technology in place) at the
21 discretion of the assigned judge. If parties agree to waive oral argument, they should
22 notify the assigned judge of that stipulation.
- 23 8. The Court is aware that discovery for civil cases presents challenges during this
pandemic. To encourage parties to keep litigation pressing forward, the Court imposes
the following obligations:

1 a. Within 90 days of filing of the complaint, the parties shall meet and confer
2 to create a discovery plan, which shall be filed with the Court with a working copy
3 emailed to the assigned judge.

4 b. There is a presumption that depositions shall occur via remote means unless
5 good cause is shown. Counsel may be present with their client if appropriate social
6 distancing measures are taken.

7 9. The Court continues to strongly encourage all attorneys to submit e-working copies
8 pursuant to LGR 30(b)(4)(A)(iii). Attorneys may use GR 30(d)(2)(A) and self-
9 represented parties may use GR 30(d) (2)(B) regarding electronic signatures.

10 10. Supplemental Proceedings will be conducted by telephone. See
11 <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/directory/judges/cahan.aspx> for
12 instructions.

13 11. Oath of Attorneys will be handled by telephone. See
14 <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/directory/judges/cahan.aspx> for
15 instructions.

16 12. King County Superior Court continues to operate in a limited capacity. Telephone and
17 video hearings take longer than in-person hearings. The Court expects everyone to
18 abide by Governor Inslee's proclamations.

19 **B. EX PARTE**

20 1. **Generally.** The Ex Parte Department has developed a variety of processes to enable
21 remote access and telephonic (and soon video) hearings. Counsel and self-represented
22 litigants are expected to review the Ex Parte website to be informed of the procedures
23 necessary to litigate in Ex Parte. To the extent the instructions differ from prior
Emergency Orders, the most current procedures on the website should be followed.

2. **Motions Practice.** Matters required to be noted for hearing in the Ex Parte and Probate
Department will be heard by telephone, video, or other electronic means at the time of

1 the noted hearing. See the Ex Parte website for detailed instructions. Matters, others
2 than Motions for Reconsideration, may not be noted in the Ex Parte and Probate
3 Department for hearing without oral argument. In any matter in which notice is
4 required, the moving party shall provide notice of the requirement for telephonic, video,
5 or other electronic appearance, file proof of service thereof, and shall include on the
6 Notice of Hearing all known e-mail and telephone contact information for opposing
7 parties and counsel.

8 **3. Ex Parte Presentations.** For any matter heard in Ex Parte and not otherwise addressed
9 herein, particularly those which would have been presented in-person without a noted
10 hearing, parties should note their motion pursuant to LCR 7(b). Emergent matters,
11 including Motions for Immediate Restraining Orders, Injunctive Orders, and Orders
12 Shortening Time, shall be noted no less than two court days in advance. For any matter
13 in which there is a risk of imminent harm, parties shall follow the procedure to schedule
14 a same-day hearing on the Ex Parte website.

15 **4. Ex Parte via the Clerk.** Parties should submit matters through Ex Parte via the Clerk
16 as outlined in LCR 40.1 In the event a matter is originally noted for hearing, and
17 subsequently meets the requirements of this order for submission to Ex Parte via the
18 Clerk, the moving party shall file a Notice of Intent to Strike Hearing and submit a copy
19 of said notice with their proposed order(s) to Ex Parte via the Clerk prior to the
20 scheduled hearing date. Parties shall also notify the Ex Parte Department of any
21 stricken hearing consistent with LCR 7.

22 **5. Domestic Matters.** Procedures for presentation of Protection Orders, Agreed
23 Temporary Family Law Orders, Adoptions, and certain agreed Family Law Orders not
24 eligible for Ex Parte via the Clerk are available on the Ex Parte Department website:
25 <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/ex-parte-probate.aspx>

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6. **Title 11 Guardian ad Litem.** The Court continues to authorize Guardians Ad Litem (“GALs”) to arrange for video conference interviews with Alleged Incapacitated Person (“AIPs”) without prior court authorization provided this is clearly described in detail in the GAL’s report.
 7. **Resumption of Default and Garnishment.** Effective June 8 2020, the court will hear motions for default, motions for default judgment, and requests for entry of judgment, and order to pay on writs of garnishment as outlined in LCR 40.1, LCR 55, and Local Family Law Rule (LFLR) 5.
 8. **Unlawful Detainers/Evictions.** Various federal, state, and local Executive Orders still are in place regarding unlawful detainer actions.

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As these moratoria provide for exceptions, parties must be prepared to provide the following when submitting an unlawful detainer Order to Show Cause, default judgment, or other unlawful detainer filing that argues for the underlying exception: (1) a declaration under oath providing the necessary specific facts to justify the exception; (2) a proposed Order permitting the filing based on the exception; and (3) the moving party shall serve a copy of the required declaration on the Respondent prior to seeking entry of the Judgment.

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As local moratoria expire, the parties shall make a good faith effort to mediate. When requesting a show cause hearing, plaintiff must provide a Declaration showing (1) efforts to mediate and (2) verification that the property is exempt from the moratorium provided for under the CARES Act.

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The Court will cap the number of Orders to Show Cause in person to meet social distancing requirements. Parties should be aware the proposed date of any Order to Show Cause submitted to Ex Parte via the Clerk may be modified by the Court, without notice, prior to issuance in order to limit the number of people accessing court facilities,

1 to reduce density of litigants within the Ex Parte Department, and to generally protect
2 the health and safety of litigants and court staff.

3 **C. CIVIL ARBITRATIONS**

- 4 1. All Superior Court Civil Arbitration hearings pursuant to RCW 7.06, the Superior
5 Court Civil Arbitration Rules, and King County Local Rules for Civil Arbitration will
6 continue via remote means unless the arbitrator and parties agree to in-person
7 arbitrations with appropriate social distancing measures in place. Arbitrators are
8 authorized to set hearings past the LCAR 5.1 deadlines.

9 **D. CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS, RESTRAINING ORDERS, AND ANTI-
10 HARASSMENT ORDERS**

- 11 1. Remote (telephone and/or video) hearings are authorized for petitions seeking
12 protection orders and restraining orders in the following categories: domestic violence
13 protection orders (DVPOs), sexual assault protection orders (SAPOs), extreme risk
14 protection orders (ERPOs), anti-harassment protection orders, stalking protection
15 orders, vulnerable adult protection orders (VAPOs), and family law restraining orders.
16 Judicial officers will continue to review ex parte petitions to determine whether a
17 temporary order is warranted and, if so, shall set a full hearing on the petition.
- 18 2. The Court may order that service of these orders be made by mail or other means
19 calculated to provide actual service, including means authorized by proclamations of
20 the Governor and orders of the Supreme Court of Washington. If parties have
21 previously agreed to e-mail service or opted into e-service in the case or other currently
22 open related case, service of ex parte orders or reissuance/continuance orders by e-mail
23 or e-service shall be sufficient. If service of these orders by law enforcement officers
or process servers becomes unavailable or not reasonably available, the Court may
order service by mail.

- 1 3. There are new procedures in place to allow for remote filings of these petitions and
2 hearings. See the Ex Parte Department and the Civil Department webpage for more
3 information.

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7 **E. FAMILY LAW**

- 8 1. The provisions of sections A-D above are applicable to Family Law matters except as
9 to working papers, the starting dates for trials, and particular motions, which are
10 addressed below.
- 11 2. Conducting hearings and trial by video, telephone, and in rare circumstances for in-
12 person hearings (with social distancing in place) is more time-consuming and requires
13 changes in procedures. Additional changes are necessitated in order to avoid
14 unnecessary submission and handling of paper working copies. Accordingly, it
15 remains necessary to modify certain rules regarding Family Law proceedings. This
16 includes LFLRs 5, 6, 8, 13, and 17.
- 17 3. The Family Law Department has developed a variety of processes to enable remote
18 access and telephonic (and soon video) hearings and electronic review of submissions.
19 Counsel and self-represented litigants are expected to review the family law website,
20 <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family.aspx> to be informed of how
21 to conduct cases in the Family Law Department. To the extent the instructions on the
22 website differ from prior Emergency Orders or this order, the most current procedures
23 on the website should be followed.

21 **Family Law Motions Calendar**

- 22 4. Between June 8, 2020 and July 20, 2020, the Family Law Department will gradually
23 expand motions that can be set on the Family Law Motions Calendar.

- 1 5. No working papers are required or permitted on the Family Law Motions Calendar
2 until further notice. All parties will be required to provide a list of their submissions
3 for each motion. Details regarding this requirement and a form to use for this purpose
4 will be on the website and this requirement will be referenced in an updated Notice of
5 Hearing. Additional requirements regarding pagination of exhibits and flagging and
6 citation of exhibits in declarations will be addressed on the website.
- 7 6. Adjustments to the response and reply times for motions, and adjustments to the
8 procedure for confirming motions will be on the website, on the updated Notice of
9 Hearing, and in an emergency rule, as deemed appropriate by the Court.
- 10 7. In order to manage the volume of motions, there will be a limit on the number of
11 motions set each day. All motions will be set on the afternoon calendar so that petitions
12 for domestic violence protection orders may be heard in the morning. There will be
13 separate calendars for cases where both parties are self-represented to ensure that self-
14 represented parties have access to the court and can receive assistance from courthouse
15 staff. These procedures will remain in effect indefinitely. Any adjustments or changes
16 to the procedures will be announced on the website.
- 17 8. Between June 10, 2020 and July 20, 2020, there will be additional calendars to address
18 the backlog of motions. These additional calendars will be heard by UFC Judges. The
19 motions *must* be noted on the Family Law Motions Calendar based on slots available
20 on the Clerk's website and *may not* be noted directly to assigned judges. Motions
21 improperly noted to the assigned judge will be stricken. For cases where both sides
22 agree to waive oral argument, there will be slots available to note motions without oral
23 argument on the Family Law Motions Calendar.
- 24 9. Effective June 10, 2020 (or as soon thereafter as the online motions calendar scheduling
25 process is available through the Clerk's Office), motions for temporary orders, return
26 hearings on Ex Parte Restraining Orders, and motions for adequate cause in parenting

1 plan modifications may be noted on the Family Law Motions Calendar. Motions for
2 adequate cause in nonparental custody matters shall be noted to the assigned judge.

3 10. Effective June 8, 2020, the state calendars will resume. Contested contempt hearings
4 will be set on the same days/times as they were previously set in each location, with at
5 least two weeks' notice.

6 11. Effective July 6, 2020, motions for child support adjustment may also be noted on the
7 Family Law Motions Calendar.

8 12. Effective July 20, 2020, all motions required to be set on the Family Law Motions
9 Calendar pursuant to **LFLR 5** may be noted, if slots are available on the Clerk's
10 website. A procedure will be developed for setting a motion outside the available slots
11 where there are compelling reasons why a motion must be heard earlier than the
12 available hearing slots That procedure will be set out on the website and may be issued
13 as an emergency court rule.

14 13. Effective June 19, 2020 until July 20, 2020, motions for default *that require notice*
15 *because a party has appeared, but has not responded* may be noted before the Chief
16 Unified Family Court (Chief UFC) Judge on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. (except for July 3rd,
17 which is a court holiday). The Notice of Hearing shall advise the defaulting party that
18 the hearing will be conducted telephonically and that the party must call in to 1-206-
19 263-8114 and enter Conference ID No. 504484 to appear at the hearing and avoid entry
20 of default orders.

21 **Motions to Assigned Judges or Chief UFC**

22 14. Effective June 8, 2020, motions for adequate cause in nonparental custody cases shall
23 be noted for hearing before the assigned judge.

15. Effective June 8, 2020, parties may note all motions to the assigned judges or the Chief
UFC Judge pursuant to LFLR 5 and the expanded timelines to LCR 7 listed in section

1 A6 above. Except for dispositive motions, judges have discretion to determine that oral
2 argument is not necessary.

3 16. Effective immediately, hearings on motions for revision may be set by the assigned
4 judge. Priority shall be given to motions that appear to be “emergencies” and
5 consideration shall be given to how long the motion for revision has been pending in
6 setting dates, with priority given based on the date of filing.

7 17. Between June 10, 2020 and July 20, 2020, “emergency” motions that are not yet
8 permitted to be noted on the Family Law Motions Calendar, or cannot be heard on a
9 timely basis on that calendar, may be set before the assigned UFC Judge or, where there
10 is no assigned judge, before the Chief UFC Judge. All such motions **must** contain a
11 plain and clear statement on the first page as to why the motion is an emergency based
12 on the criteria in paragraph 18 below. After reviewing the motion, the judge may
13 determine that it does not constitute an emergency and direct the parties back to the
14 Family Law Motions Calendar.

15 18. Emergency matters are defined as follows:

- 16 • Motions for temporary restraining orders where personal safety is at issue;
- 17 • Motions necessary to protect a child from physical or serious emotional harm or to
18 prevent child abduction;
- 19 • Motions on parenting issues where the health or safety of a child or adult is at risk
20 due to COVID-19 or where a parent is being denied contact or a child is being
21 withheld based on COVID-19 claims; and
- 22 • Motions on financial issues where a person’s basic financial survival is at issue (i.e.,
23 ability to maintain housing, basic necessities, and critical health care).

24 19. After July 20, 2020, all motions must be noted on the Family Law Motions Calendar
25 or to the assigned judge or Chief UFC Judge according to LFLR 5, except that motions
26 for adequate cause in nonparental custody cases and emergency COVID-related

1 parenting motions shall continue to be noted to the assigned judge or, where there is no
2 assigned judge, to the Chief UFC Judge.

3 **Trials and Trial Management**

4 20. Trials assigned to UFC Judges will begin on a regular basis on July 20, 2020. The
5 provisions of section A(4) of the CIVIL section apply except as to the trial start date.

6 21. Family Law trials without children assigned to non-UFC judges shall be governed by
7 section A(4) of the CIVIL section including the trial start date.

8 22. Trials by Affidavit (TBA) for child support modifications shall resume as of June 4,
9 2020. Working papers **are** required for Trials by Affidavit and must be supplied in
10 plastic covered three-ring binders. Details regarding changes to TBA working papers
11 submission requirements, including requirements regarding submission of proposed
12 orders, are on the website.

12 **Other Matters**

13 23. Effective June 8, 2020, emancipation proceedings, petitions for writs of habeas corpus,
14 and proceedings regarding surrogacy may be set according to the court rules, without
15 regard to emergency criteria. All proceedings will be conducted by videoconference
16 or telephone except in rare circumstances where the court determines that in-person
17 presence is necessary and appropriate.

18 24. The current COVID-19 emergency constitutes a substantial change in circumstances
19 pursuant to RCW 26.09.260(1) where there is an allegation that the health of the child
20 is at risk if there is not a temporary modification of the parenting plan. Any party
21 seeking a temporary modification of a parenting plan or non-parental custody order due
22 to a COVID-19 emergency, may note a hearing for temporary order without filing a
23 Petition for Modification or noting a Motion for Adequate Cause; and the moving party
may seek an immediate order and order to show cause in the Ex Parte Department if it
is an emergency and there is an imminent threat of irreparable harm. Notice shall be

1 given to the other party or their counsel that an immediate order is being sought and
2 the other party's or counsel's telephone and e-mail contact information shall be
3 provided, along with the moving party's contact information, so that both sides can be
4 contacted telephonically. Those motions shall be set to the assigned judge, or if there
5 is no assigned judge, to the Chief UFC Judge.

6 25. Any temporary modification order issued pursuant to paragraph 24 shall be in effect
7 only through the expiration of Phase 2 of the Governor's Phased Approach. Upon
8 expiration of any temporary orders entered pursuant to paragraph 24, the parties shall
9 immediately resume following the prior parenting plan or non-parental custody order
10 unless they have filed a Petition for Modification and have noted a motion for adequate
11 cause and temporary parenting plan or non-parental custody order consistent with RCW
12 26.09.260(1), or have obtained an ex parte emergency restraining order.

13 26. Status/Non-Compliance Hearings will continue to be conducted by paper review. No
14 dismissals will be issued solely based on failure to appear on that calendar. Cases may
15 be dismissed for failure to comply with the court's previous Status/Non-Compliance
16 orders. Changes may be made to the Status/Non-Compliance calendar and will be
17 announced on the website.

18 27. A variety of processes and procedures have been implemented to provide family law
19 services consistent with public health requirements, including mandatory FLO and
20 parenting seminars, Courthouse Facilitator Services for self-represented parties,
21 mediation in cases where both parties are self-represented, and Family Court Services
22 parenting evaluations by virtual means. These may be adjusted as appropriate in light
23 of the Governor's phased-in approach to reopening. Parties should review the Family
law website, <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family.aspx> for
further instruction and updates. To the extent the instructions on the website differ

1 from prior Emergency Orders, the most current procedures on the website should be
2 followed.

3 **F. DEPENDENCY**

4 1. RESUMPTION AND METHOD OF APPEARANCE

5 Operation of dependency calendars and dependency and termination trials shall
6 resume on June 8, 2020. The Court, in its discretion, will hear some matters on the
7 pleadings and others will be heard remotely, via conference call lines. A King County
8 Superior Court committee is reviewing the technology and procedures necessary for
9 holding video hearings. Notification and instructions will be provided in advance of
10 any change from phone to video hearings. In-person appearances may be
11 accommodated in certain circumstances. If the Court determines that an in-person
12 hearing is necessary, parties will be expected to follow any safety protocols issued by
13 King County Superior Court or the judicial officer. A copy of the full dependency step
14 up plan is available at [https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-
15 court/dependency.aspx](https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/dependency.aspx) and incorporated herein.

16 2. AGREED ORDERS

17 The Court continues to accept Agreed Orders via e-Filing and e-Service protocols.
18 For all Agreed Orders setting hearings after July 31, 2020 conference call numbers and
19 new address information for the Patricia H. Clark Children and Family Justice Center
20 shall be included.

21 3. REGULAR AND BACKLOG CALENDARS

22 In addition to the regular calendar, the Court will also concurrently conduct a
23 separate calendar of backlog matters that were scheduled, but not heard, from March
20, 2020 through June 5, 2020 and for which no Agreed Order was received.

TOP Hearings

1 Motions for Publication may now be presented to the Court and notice provided
2 to the parent(s). Motions for Publication should be submitted in accordance with the
3 e-Working Papers protocol and proposed Orders must be submitted in Word format.
4 On matters where a TOP was scheduled, notice was sent, and the hearing is set for a
5 date after June 8, 2020, those hearings will proceed as currently scheduled.

6 A motion to continue the Preliminary Hearing may also be presented to the
7 Court so the matters can be heard together (if not already addressed on the Pretrial
8 Calendar).

9 Notice sent to parent(s) must include the conference line and pin and instruct
10 that they must be on the phone call when court begins at 8:30 am.

11 *Preliminary Hearings*

12 Preliminary Hearings will be heard remotely. Parties will call in to the
13 appropriate conference line at 8:30 am for the daily calendar.

14 *72 Hour Shelter Care Hearings*

15 72 Hour Shelter Care Hearings will continue to be heard remotely if discovery
16 and proposed orders were exchanged in advance. If there are any discovery issues,
17 parties may need to appear in person. If an in-person hearing is necessary, parties will
18 be expected to follow any safety protocols issued by King County Superior Court. As
19 per normal operations, these hearings need to be pre-approved by the dependency
20 coordinator. The request should be set on the appropriate DCYF day (unless an
21 emergency issue exists) and a maximum of 3 per day will be scheduled.

22 *30 Day Shelter Care Hearings*

23 As most 30 Day Shelter Care Hearings are status quo, parties are to submit an
24 Agreed Order through the e-Filing system on the scheduled hearing date so court staff
25 can easily track to ensure all orders are received. If this hearing is contested, please
26 notify parties and the Court per normal practice.

1 Effective June 8, 2020, parties can submit a Request Form for termination
2 settlement conference.

3 6. TRIAL CALENDAR

4 The Court will hold a status conference calendar for trials set between March
5 20, 2020-June 5, 2020 that were not able to proceed in order to determine when these
6 cases will be set for trial.

7 For all cases ready for trial, the assigned judge will determine how the trial is
8 heard. Information on how to submit exhibits, call witnesses, etc., will be provided at
9 the time of assignment.

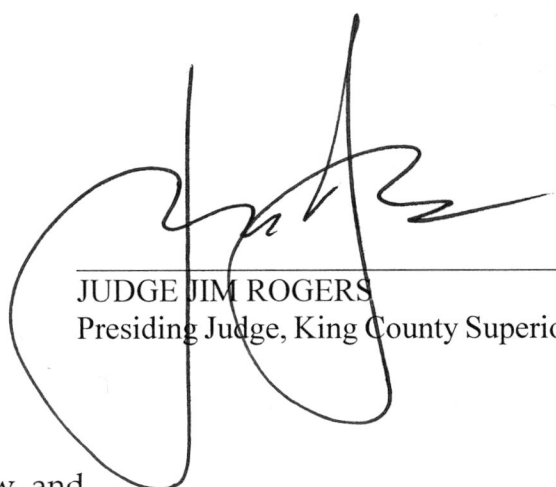
10 7. FAMILY TREATMENT COURT

11 Family Treatment Court matters as set forth in Phase One will continue through
12 May 2020 with the addition of submitting Agreed Orders for Leveling Up in the FTC
13 Program.

14 Starting the week of June 8, 2020, FTC will begin holding staffing and FTC
15 Review Hearings, FTC Acceptance Hearings, and Permanency Planning Hearings on
16 Wednesdays in Kent and Thursdays in Seattle. Motions will continue to be addressed
17 by the Court without oral argument. The calendared off weeks for FTC, will remain
18 off weeks for the remainder of the year. FTC staffings may be held via video
19 conferencing, and FTC hearings will be conducted as set forth in F1 above.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

21 Dated: May 27, 2020

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23 JUDGE JIM ROGERS
Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court