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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

21-0-12050-3

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

EMERGENCY ORDER #30

RE: CIVIL JURIES

ALLOWING CIVIL JURIES TO BE DRAWN
FROM CRIMINAL VENUES ONLY FROM
SAME VENUE AS CIVIL CASE

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

1. This order incorporates the Findings from Emergency Order #20.
2. If civil jury trials do not occur, serious delays in justice will result. Public health challenges posed by the pandemic sometimes require virtual civil jury trials and at other times allow for holding in-person jury trials.
3. To best use all available jurors, the court must expand the jury pools available for civil trials. Currently, the court has an all-county jury pool for civil trials held virtually or at Meydenbauer. This number is not always sufficient. Criminal jurors are summoned by venue only. Because the court is currently holding only a small number of criminal trials, the court is excusing surplus jurors in its criminal venire panels.

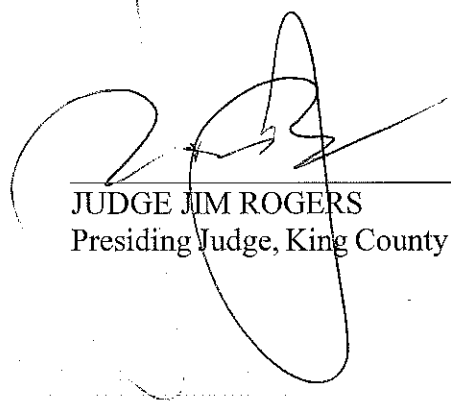
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ORDER

The court continues the suspension of application of LGR 18 for civil jury trials until December 31, 2021. Jurors for civil cases may either be drawn from the entire county venire or the case assignment area venire assigned to the specific civil case being tried.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 23, 2021



JUDGE JIM ROGERS
Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court