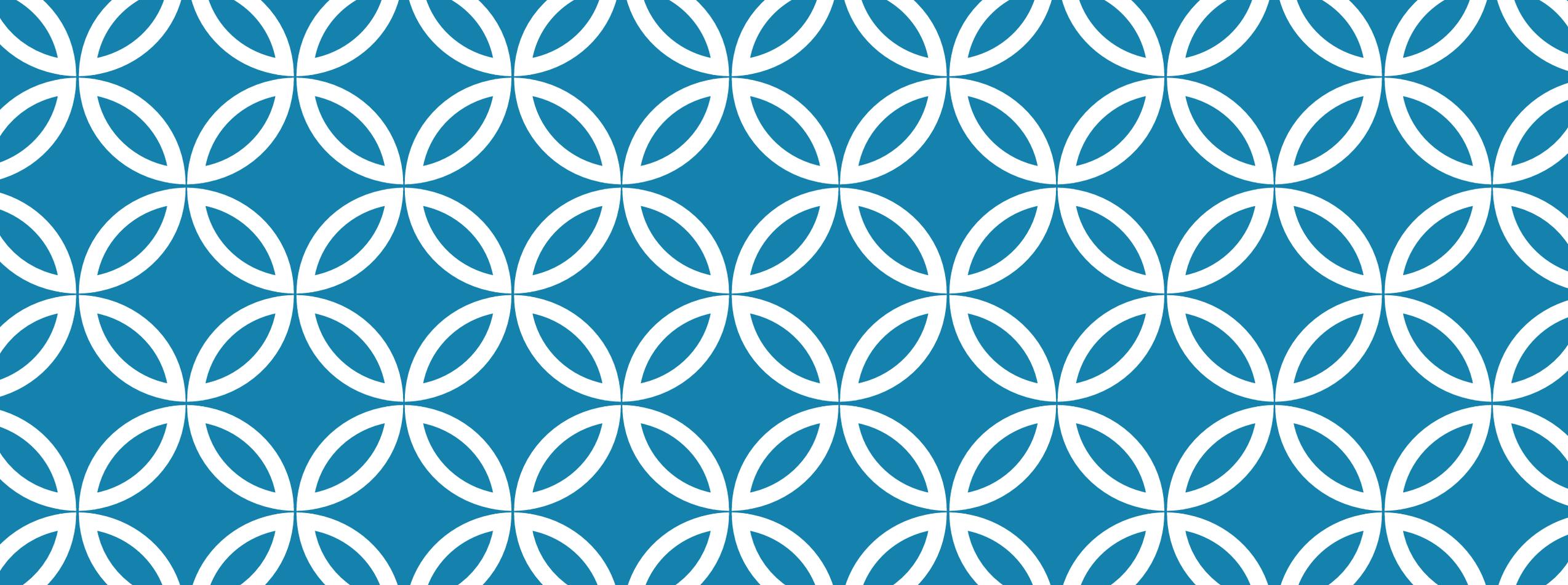


# **STRUGGLES AND SOLUTIONS IN A REMOTE LEGAL SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT**

KING COUNTY SUPERIOR  
COURT



“BECAUSE THE DELIVERY OF JUSTICE SERVICES IS ESSENTIAL DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY, JUDICIAL BRANCH LEADERS KNEW WE HAD TO INNOVATE WAYS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND CONTINUE COURT OPERATIONS IN THE FACE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. BEGINNING IN LATE FEBRUARY WE BEGAN MODIFYING SYSTEMS AT EVERY LEVEL OF COURT TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND STAFF SAFETY, WHILE REACHING OUT TO STAKEHOLDERS TO CONTINUALLY ASSESS, ADJUST AND COLLABORATE AS THE PANDEMIC MOVED FORWARD. MANY HAVE DESCRIBED THE PROCESS AS REBUILDING A PLANE WHILE FLYING IT – BUT WE’VE STAYED ON COURSE.”

Justice Debra L. Stephens,  
State of the Judiciary 2021

# CONFIGURING COURTS FOR COVID

- Washington Courts web site (AOC) had information for courts
- Webpage for updates on court closures, hours
- List of civil legal aid
- Tip sheets on evictions
- Webinars for Courts
- Guidance on interpreters
- Guidance on open courts

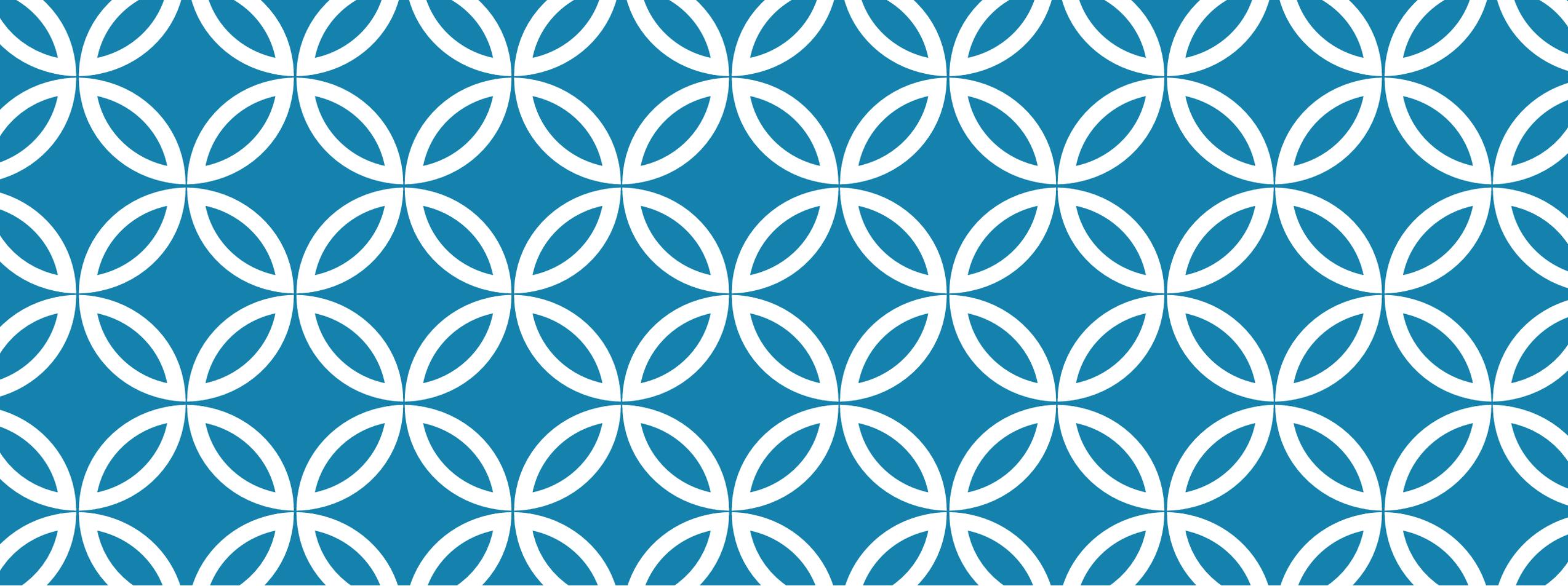
# REMOTE APPEARANCES

- Arraignments
- Agreed order queue
- Pretrial hearings
- Jury Trials
  - March-July, 2020
  - November-February 12, 2021





**TRIALS LOOK DIFFERENT** |



**STILL LEARNING**

