## KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

)	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
)	No. 13-03
) ) )	Repealing GAO 02-89and Authorizing Services of NCO Financial Services, Inc

GAO 02-89 is s hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

Whereas the Court has authorized the use of collection agencies pursuant to GAO 97-50 and by authority of RCW 3.02.045, and the court continues to find the need and necessity to contract with a collection agency on certain terms and conditions, and the court further finding that monies paid for servicing of delinquencies by a collection agency should be assessed as additional court costs, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Court shall use the services of a collection agency for the purpose of collecting unpaid and delinquent penalties on infractions, criminal fines, costs, assessments and forfeitures and on any other monetary obligations, howsoever denominated, on the terms and conditions of the contract for collection services between King County and NCO Financial Services, Inc., and **as may subsequently be amended, AND IT IS FURTHER** 

ORDERED that the agency's collection fee shall automatically and without further action of the Court in any individual case, be assessed against the defendant as a court cost and be added to the total judgment of the Court for each account upon referral to the collection agency, effective as of the inception of the contract for collection services, and that that fee shall similarly be re-assessed against any non-dischargeable debt included in a defendant's bankruptcy action upon entry of an order of discharge so as to permit post-discharge collection efforts to resume, **AND IT IS FURTHER** 

**ORDERED** that interest shall accrue on penalties, fines, costs, assessments, forfeitures, fees and other monetary obligations at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum upon assignment to the collection agency.

Judge Corinna Harn, Chief Presiding Judge

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