

The Local Rules of the Superior Court
of Washington in and for the
County of Grant

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (LAR)

LAR 1. TITLE AND SCOPE

(a) Title. These rules shall be known as "The Local Rules of the Superior Court of Washington in and for the County of Grant." The brief title of these rules is "Grant County Local Rules." These rules may be cited in the following format: "LAR 1" (for Administrative Rules); "LCR 7" (for Civil Rules); "LCrR 1.1" (for Criminal Rules); "LRMA 1.1" (for Mandatory Arbitration Rules); "LRMM 1" (for Mandatory Mediation Rules).

(b) Scope. Unless otherwise provided herein, these rules apply to all criminal and civil proceedings, family and domestic matters, mental health proceedings, juvenile court offender and dependency proceedings, appeals from lower courts, tribunals and agencies, and other matters

brought before the Grant County Superior Court. To the extent these rules supplement rules of statewide application adopted by the Supreme Court of Washington, both local and statewide rules apply. To the extent these rules conflict with statewide rules, the statewide rules apply.

(c) Arbitration. By order dated April 20, 1988, Grant County Superior Court adopted local rules for mandatory arbitration ("LRMA") which apply to original civil actions with limited money claims, and to other actions upon stipulation of the parties.

(d) Mediation. By order dated May 28, 2012 Grant County Superior Court adopted local rules for mandatory mediation ("LRMM") which apply to disputed issues in family law cases, as defined in said rules.

(e) Waiver. Any provision of these rules may be waived or modified by order of the court for good cause shown, or as required in the interests of justice.

(f) Numbering. In compliance with CR 83, the local civil rules in Section 2 and the local criminal rules in Section 3 are numbered consistent with the numbers of the most closely associated Civil Rules for Superior Court and Criminal Rules for Superior Court.

[Adopted April 1, 1997; amended 2005; amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LAR 2.
JUDICIAL OFFICERS

(a) Departments. There shall be four departments of this court, identified as Civil Department, Criminal Department, Juvenile Court, and Court Commissioner's Department. The judicial officers of this Court will be assigned, on a rotating basis, for such periods as the Presiding Judge may from time to time determine, among the departments of this Court.

(b) Presiding Judge. (1) Election. During the month of December of each odd numbered year, the judges of the Court shall elect, by such manner as they may then agree or, in the absence of such agreement, by secret written ballot, one of their number to serve as Presiding Judge. In the same fashion, the judges shall elect an Assistant Presiding Judge. Vacancies in either position will be filled in the same manner as soon as practicable after vacancy occurs.

(2) Removal. The Presiding Judge or Assistant Presiding Judge may be removed by the unanimous vote of the other judges of the Court.

(3) Term. The Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge shall be elected to a term of two years, commencing on January 1 of each even numbered year.

(4) Special Inquiry Judge. By virtue of office, the Presiding Judge shall be the Special Inquiry Judge designated by the judges of the Court as required by RCW 10.27.050. In the event the

Presiding Judge is disqualified from any special inquiry proceeding, the Assistant Presiding Judge will be deemed to be the special inquiry judge so designated.

(5) Library Board. By virtue of office, the Presiding Judge, or his or her designee, shall be a member of the Grant County Law Library Board.

(c) Juvenile Judge. The judge assigned to the Juvenile Court pursuant to section (a) of this rule shall be designated as the Juvenile Court Judge, as provided in chapter 13.40 RCW.

(d) Court Commissioners. The judges will employ at least one court commissioner, assigned to the Court Commissioner's Department, unless otherwise assigned by the Presiding Judge. The Court Commissioner will ordinarily preside over weekly dependency dockets, and dockets and trials of brief duration in domestic and paternity cases.

The judge of the Grant County District Court assigned to the Moses Lake district will ordinarily be appointed as a commissioner of the superior court. In such capacity, the Court Commissioner may sign ex parte orders. Ex parte orders signed at a location other than the Grant County Courthouse shall be transmitted by the commissioner to the Clerk of this Court; original orders shall not be returned to the party or attorney requesting the same.

The Presiding Judge may appoint pro tempore court commissioners from time to time as may be required for due administration of the business of the Court.

[Adopted April 1, 1997; amended 2005; amended effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2020.]

LAR 3. STAFF POSITIONS

(a) Court Reporter. There shall be at least one official reporter, selected by a majority of the judges, appointed and serving in the manner, and performing the functions, prescribed by law.

(b) Court Administrator. The administrative operation of the Court will be coordinated by a Court Administrator, appointed by the judges and serving at their pleasure. The Court Administrator will schedule all court calendars, and perform such other duties as the Presiding Judge may from time to time direct.

(c) Interpreter Coordinator. The Court shall employ an Interpreter Coordinator, who shall be certified by the Administrative Office for the Courts as an interpreter in the Spanish language. The Interpreter Coordinator will attend court proceedings when directed by a judge, and will arrange for the retention and assignment of other interpreters as the business of the Court may require. The Interpreter Coordinator may be permitted, by written policies of the Court, to perform interpretation services for private party litigants.

(d) Jury Administrator. The Court shall employ a Jury Administrator to perform all administrative functions necessary for calling, selecting, and compensating petit jurors.

(e) Other Staff. The judges may appoint such other staff, including assistants, bailiffs, deputies and others, as may from time to time be necessary to the efficient operation of the Court.

[Adopted April 1, 1997; amended 2005; amended effective September 1, 2012; amended September 1, 2019.]

LAR 4.
MOTION CALENDARS

(a) Law and Motion Calendars. Except as otherwise ordered from time to time as necessary in the administration of the courts, regular law and motion calendars will be heard as follows:

Civil Department:

Protection orders: Tuesday, 9:00

Civil motions: Friday, 9:00

Adoption motions and hearings: Friday, 11:00

Sentence compliance: 1st and 3rd Friday, 1:30

Criminal Department:

Criminal motions: Monday and Tuesday, 9:00

CrR 3.5, CrR 3.6 hearings: Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00

Commissioner Department:

Dependency docket: Tuesday, 9:00

Paternity, support enforcement: Thursday, 9:00

Domestic and family law:

Motions, decrees with counsel: Friday, 9:00

Motions, decrees pro se: Friday, 1:30

Juvenile Court:

Truancy, at-risk youth: Monday, 9:00

Offender motions: Monday, 1:30

(b) Holiday Schedule. When Monday is a court holiday, the criminal docket will be called on the following Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Monday Juvenile truancy and offender dockets will be called on the following Wednesday, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. When Friday is a court holiday, all regularly scheduled dockets will be called on the preceding Thursday, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. When a court holiday falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, there will be no docket.

[Amended effective September 1, 2018; amended effective September 1, 2021; amended effective September 1, 2022.]

LAR 5. GUARDIANSHIPS

I. Loss of Voting Rights

(a) In accordance with RCW 11.88.010(5), if an incapacitated person loses the right to vote, the Order Appointing Guardian or Approving Report shall include a specific finding on the loss of the right to vote.

(b) The Guardian ad Litem and/or Guardian shall also submit a Notice of Loss of Voting Rights to the Court that shall include the name, address, and date of birth of the incapacitated person and that shall direct the Clerk to forward the Notice of Loss of Voting Rights to the County Auditor. (see Form LAR-A).

(c) If the guardianship is terminated by a determination of competency of the individual, the Court shall direct the Clerk to send to the County Auditor a certified copy of the Order Restoring Voting Rights including the same personal identifiers as the Notice of Loss of voting Rights.

(d) Clerk will determine whether Notice of Loss of voting Rights has been filed. If notice has not been filed, clerk shall complete a notice using information from guardianship petition and/or guardian ad litem report.

(e) Clerk will forward Notice of Loss of voting Rights to the County Auditor.

(f) Copy of the notice will be placed in the file.

(g) If the guardianship is terminated based on the court's finding that the ward is now competent to handle affairs, the Clerk will send a certified copy of the Order Restoring Voting Rights (see Form LAR-B) to the County Auditor.

II. Grievances as to guardians ad litem.

(a) Scope. This rule applies to grievances from litigants, witnesses, attorneys, or other persons regarding guardians ad litem (GAL) and court-appointed special advocates (CASA) appointed pursuant to Titles 11, 13, and 26 RCW.

(b) Form. All grievances regarding the qualifications, conduct or performance of a GAL or CASA must be in writing, submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

(c) Assignment for investigation. The Presiding Judge shall promptly designate a judicial officer to investigate a grievance. The judicial officer assigned may be any judge or court commissioner,

whether or not said officer is otherwise involved in a pending case from which the grievance arises. When it is necessary, in the judgment of the Presiding Judge, to appoint an investigator who is not a judicial officer, or who is not otherwise associated with the Court, the Presiding Judge may appoint any qualified person to investigate the grievance.

(d) Initial determination of merit. The investigating judicial officer shall initially determine whether or not the grievance raises issues of arguable merit. In making this determination, the officer shall consider whether the grievance alleges, and whether there is evidence to support, that the GAL or CASA has:

- (1) violated an applicable code of conduct;
- (2) misrepresented his or her qualifications to serve in the appointed capacity;
- (3) breached a duty of confidentiality;
- (3) falsified or mischaracterized information in testimony or a report to the Court;
- (4) failed to report abuse or neglect of a child;
- (5) communicated with a judicial officer ex parte in contravention of law;
- (6) purported to represent the court in a public forum without prior approval of the Court;
- (7) violated state or local laws, rules, or policies in the capacity as GAL or CASA;
- (8) failed to complete assigned duties with reasonable diligence; or
- (9) taken or failed to take any other action which would reasonably place in question the GAL or CASA's fitness to serve.

(e) Meritless claims. Upon determining that the grievance raises no issues of arguable merit, the investigating judicial officer shall decline to further investigate and shall so inform the grievant and the Presiding Judge in writing.

(f) Claims of arguable merit. Upon determining that the grievance raises issues of arguable merit, the investigating judicial officer shall request a written response from any GAL or CASA involved therein. The GAL or CASA shall submit a written response within 14 days of the request, unless additional time is allowed upon request to the investigating judicial officer. The investigating judicial officer may make any other contacts, inquiries, or reviews he or she deems necessary to resolution of any issue of arguable merit. He or she shall submit a written report of findings of fact and conclusions of the investigation to all other judicial officers of the court. Upon the majority vote of said judicial officers, a final written report will be provided to the grievant and to every GAL and CASA involved.

(g) Assignments during investigation. Unless expressly ordered otherwise upon the recommendation of the investigating judicial officer, the Court shall make no additional assignments of a GAL or CASA named in a grievance until completion of the investigation. The investigating judicial officer may recommend to the Presiding Judge that a GAL or CASA be ordered to perform no additional services pursuant to any existing appointment until completion of the investigation.

(h) Time to complete investigation. Unless otherwise directed by the Presiding Judge for good cause, investigations under this rule shall be completed within 60 days of receipt of a grievance.

(i) Action after investigation. A final written report by a majority of the judicial officers of the Court may order:

(1) that a GAL or CASA remain on the court's registry with no further action taken;

(2) that a GAL or CASA be suspended from the registry pending completion of designated remedial measures;

(3) that a GAL or CASA be removed from the court's registry; or

(4) any other measures necessary to resolution of issues raised in the grievance. If removal from the registry is ordered, the court shall send notice thereof to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(j) Confidentiality. A record of all written complaints or grievances regarding any GAL or CASA shall be maintained by the Court. Grievances shall be confidential until completion of any investigation conducted pursuant to this rule. A record of any action ordered by the Court in response to a grievance shall be placed in the GAL or CASA's file.

[Effective Sept. 1, 2016.]

LAR 6.
JURY SELECTION

(a) Panel. The Jury Administrator will randomly assign sequential numbers, beginning with "1," to all prospective jurors who have timely appeared for trial, and will cause them to be seated in the courtroom in that order when directed by the trial judge to do so. The judge and counsel will be provided with a roster of the panel as seated.

(b) Examination. Unless otherwise ordered by the judge presiding at trial, juries will be selected after panel examination. The judge will conduct orientation and general questioning of the panel. Thereafter, counsel will, in turn, be permitted to question the panel, or individual members thereof, for a stated period of time set by the judge. The judge may allow a second period of questioning

by each side. For good cause shown, the judge may extend the period of questioning, or allow additional rounds, on motion of a party.

(c) Challenges. Challenges for cause shall be made openly or at sidebar, as the judge may direct. After examination of the panel, counsel will, in turn, exercise peremptory challenges by striking names from a roster of those panel members not previously dismissed. After peremptory challenges, the remaining unchallenged jurors with the twelve (or, in appropriate cases, six) lowest roster numbers shall be seated as the jury. The remaining juror(s) with the next lowest roster number(s) will be seated as the alternate juror(s).

[Adopted April 1, 1997; amended 2005; amended, re-numbered and re-codified effective September 1, 2012, re-numbered effective September 1, 2020.]

LAR 7.
JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Each party wishing to propose jury instructions shall file with the Clerk, deliver to the Judge, and serve on other parties one cited copy and one clean copy of each instruction proposed. Cited copies shall include marginal citation of the authority relied upon in proposing the instruction, and will be sequentially lettered or numbered. Clean copies shall not include citations, letters or numbers.

[Adopted April 1, 1997 as LR 10(b); amended 2005; re-numbered effective September 1, 2012; re-numbered effective September 1, 2020.]

LAR 8.
REQUIRED SPECIAL SETTINGS

The following matters may not be noted on the court's regular dockets, but must be specially set with the Court Administrator: motions for summary judgment; TEDRA petitions; arguments on the merits in appeals from lower courts or tribunals; child hearsay (Ryan) hearings. Once a time and date for a special setting are obtained from the Court Administrator, the moving party must file and serve a notice of the setting in the same manner in which motions are noted for regular dockets.

[Re-numbered as LAR 8, effective September 1, 2021.]

LAR 9.
VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON APPEARANCE

- (a) Virtual appearances allowed. Except as limited below or otherwise prohibited by the Local Civil Rules (LCR) or Local Criminal Rules (LCrR), attorneys and parties may appear in person or virtually through Grant County’s virtual platform on (1) all regular dockets, (2) special set motions, and (3) Initial 72 hour Shelter Care hearings (RCW 13.34.065). Instructions for virtual appearance are contained on the Grant County Superior Court website at www.grantcountywa.gov/365/WebEx-Video-Hearings. No special notice or filing is required. While the Court will make reasonable allowances, the attorney or party appearing virtually assumes all risk of connectivity or lack thereof.

- (b) In person appearance required. (1) Trials, evidentiary hearings, and any similar hearings containing live testimony, (2) summary judgment hearings and settlement conferences, and (3) Confession hearings (CrR 3.5), Suppression hearings (CrR 3.6), Plea Agreements (CrR 4.2), and Sentencings (CrR 7.2) are to be in conducted in person, except for exceptional circumstances requiring virtual appearance. If a party or a party’s witness(es) experience exceptional circumstances requiring virtual appearance, that party shall confer with all opposing parties and note a motion on the appropriate motion calendar at least 14 court days (absent good cause) before the scheduled appearance setting forth (1) the basis for the virtual appearance, (2) which judicial officer is currently scheduled to preside over the matter, and (3) whether the opposing party(ies) agree or oppose the request to appear virtually. If agreed by all parties, the requesting party may present the motion and order ex parte for approval by the judicial officer assigned to hear the matter. A party obtaining an order to allow virtual appearance by a party or witness shall file and serve a Webex notice in substantially the form provided in Form LR8-I. Exceptional circumstances will be presumed in cases where domestic violence allegations are alleged.

- (c) Hearings pursuant to RCW chapter 7.105. Pursuant to RCW 7.105.200 and RCW 7.105.205, all domestic violence, anti-harassment, sexual assault, vulnerable adult and any other matter under RCW chapter 7.105 may be conducted in person or virtually.

[Re-numbered as LAR 9, effective September 1, 2021; amended effective September 1, 2023.]

LAR 10.
WORKING COPIES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICER

- (1) Working copies of papers requiring thorough consideration by the Court shall be delivered to the Court Administrator. Working copies shall be delivered at the time of filing unless the hearing has not been set, in which event the working copies shall be delivered at the time a party obtains a hearing date. (2) Working copies for the courts use shall be provided as follows: all summary judgment matters including briefs and supporting materials; all briefs and supporting materials for any specially set matter; trial briefs, motions in limine, witness lists and similar material. Working copies of exhibits should be provided to the Court during all civil trials. All working copies must

have the hearing date and time on the upper right hand corner. Working copies shall be mailed or hand delivered.

[Re-numbered as LAR 10, effective September 1, 2021; amended effective September 1, 2023.]

CIVIL RULES (LCR)

LCR 7. PLEADINGS

(a) Time Limits. (1) Civil, paternity, and domestic/family law and motion dockets are limited to matters requiring no more than ten minutes per side. Matters expected to exceed that limitation must be specially set by the Court Administrator.

(b) Motion Timelines. These timelines apply to all matters on the domestic and family law docket, the dependency docket, the paternity docket, and the civil docket.

(1) The moving party shall file and serve all motion documents at least nine (9) court days prior to the date noted for argument on the motion. Any untimely motion will not be placed on the Court's docket.

(2) The responsive documents must be filed and served at least four (4) court days prior to the date noted for argument on the motion.

(3) Any optional strict reply documents must be filed and served at least two (2) court days prior to the date noted for argument on the motion.

(4) In calculating time in paragraphs (b)(1) – (b)(3) above, court days are days the Court is open for business and do not include any days the Court is closed, such as weekends and court holidays. For example, for matters that are scheduled to be heard on a Friday docket, the motion and documents must be served and filed on the Monday of the week preceding the Friday for which the matter is noted, so long as there is no court holiday in that time period. If a single court holiday falls within the nine (9) days, the documents would need to be filed and served two (2) Fridays before the Friday on which the scheduled motion is to be heard.

(5) In emergency situations, for reason of judicial economy, or for other good reason, a judicial officer may consider and grant an ex parte motion for order shortening time to note a matter on a docket or otherwise allow an untimely response or reply. It is preferred that any such motion and order to shorten time be presented to the judicial officer presiding over the docket. If said judicial officer is unavailable, another judicial officer may consider the motion.

(c) Strict Reply Documents. Reply documents are optional and must only reply to issues raised in the responsive documents. Reply documents cannot raise new issues or they are subject to being stricken.

(d) Motions for Temporary Orders in Family Law Proceedings. Any party may file a motion for temporary orders pending trial.

(1) Form of pleadings, basis and limitations.

(i) Form. All documents and copies provided shall be legible. If typed, documents shall be in 12 point or larger type, 1.5 spaced between the lines and conform to GR 14. Mandatory forms shall be used.

(ii) Basis. Evidence, including written evidence in affidavits and declarations by the parties and witnesses, must comply with the rules of evidence.

(iii) Children's Statements. Declarations by minors are disfavored.

(iv) Page Limitations. Absent prior authorization of the court, the entirety of all declarations and affidavits from the parties and non-expert witnesses in support of motions (except financial declarations, financial documents and sealed source documents), shall be limited to a sum total of twenty (20) pages.

Absent prior authorization of the Court, the entirety of all declarations and affidavits from the parties and non-expert witnesses (except financial declarations, financial documents and sealed source documents), submitted in response to motions shall not exceed twenty (20) pages.

The entirety of all declarations and affidavits submitted in strict reply to the response shall not exceed four (4) pages.

Exhibits to any declarations shall count toward the above page limits.

Declarations, affidavits and reports from the Family Court Investigator, GAL, CPS or law enforcement shall not count toward the page limit. Declarations in support of Parenting Plans shall not count toward the page limit but shall not exceed three (3) pages.

(v) Violations of this rule. If the Court finds that one or more of the parties violated this rule, the Court may, in its discretion, assess terms, strike or continue the matter, or refuse to consider the materials that violate this rule.

[Amended effective September 1, 2019; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2020; sections (e) (f) and (g) removed and re-numbered as LAR 8, 9, and 10, effective September 1, 2021.]

LCR 8.
PROPOSED ORDERS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS

Proposed orders shall be filed and served on all parties. Clean copies of a party's proposed order(s) shall be brought to the hearing if appearing in person. If a party or attorney is appearing virtually, clean copies of a party's proposed order(s) shall be provided to the Court at least one (1) court day before the scheduled hearing. Clean copies of proposed orders shall be provided to the Court Administrator. Proposed orders shall be mailed or hand delivered.

[Adopted September 1, 2023.]

LCR 16.
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE AND TRIAL CONFERENCE

(a) Pretrial conference. A pretrial conference may be conducted in civil cases in the manner, and for the purposes, set forth in CR 16.

(b) Trial conference. Civil jury trials will be preceded by a conference, on the record unless a record of the trial has been waived, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the first trial day unless otherwise ordered by the court. If the conference is expected to exceed 60 minutes, the parties shall obtain a specially-set time from the Court Administrator. Counsel for the parties shall attend. The conference will address administrative matters relating to the trial, and resolve motions in limine and other motions entertained by the Court.

Civil bench trials may be preceded by a conference on request of a party or on the Court's motion.

[Adopted April 1, 1997; amended 2005; amended, re-numbered and re-codified effective September 1, 2012.]

LCR 16A.
PARENTING SEMINARS

(a) Cases Affected. Pursuant to RCW 26.12.170, this rule applies to all actions in which the Court is petitioned to adopt a parenting plan or residential schedule involving minor children, and, if ordered by the Court, to an action in which modification of such a plan or schedule is sought.

(b) Seminar Required. The judges of this Court shall, by administrative order maintained in the records of the Clerk, from time to time designate one or more providers of parenting seminars. Each party who is a parent shall, within thirty days after initiating or being served with initial documents in a case covered by this rule, contact a designated provider to schedule attendance at a parenting seminar. Prior to trial in such a case, or prior to entry of a final parenting plan or

residential schedule if no trial is held, each such party shall attend and complete a parenting seminar, and file proof thereof with the Court.

(c) Exemption and Enforcement. A party may seek exemption from the requirements of this rule on the basis of substantial hardship, established by motion of the party supported by written declaration or oral testimony. A party who has completed a parenting seminar, pursuant to this rule or otherwise, within twenty-four months before institution of the present action is, upon filing proof thereof, also exempt from part (b) of this rule, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Unless exempted, a party who fails to comply may be sanctioned by civil contempt remedies, by an order striking pleadings, or in such other manner as the Court deems appropriate.

[Adopted as LR 13 April 1, 1997; re-numbered effective September 1, 2012.]

LCR 16B.

ASSETS AND DEBTS IN MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION AND SIMILAR CASES

(a) Statement Required. Not later than noon two (2) court day before the day on which an action for dissolution of marriage, dissolution of a registered domestic partnership, division of assets of a committed intimate relationship, or similar case, is called for trial, when there exists a dispute between the parties regarding the characterization, valuation or distribution of any asset or debt, each party shall file with the trial judge and serve on the other party a statement in spreadsheet format of all assets and debts of the parties within the Court's jurisdiction.

(b) Contents of Statement. (1) Assets. The statement shall sequentially number and identify each asset with sufficient particularity to distinguish it from other assets of the same type. As to each asset, the statement shall set forth, unless unknown to the party, the following information: date, manner and cost of acquisition; the party's characterization of the asset as community (or "shared") or separate property, and if separate, the basis for that claim; present fair market value; and proposed distribution by the court. The statement shall separately identify any asset in the possession of either party claimed to be the property of a third person, in whole or in part.

(2) Debts. The statement shall sequentially number and specifically identify (including creditor and account number) each debt claimed to be owed by either party or both. As to each debt, the statement shall set forth, unless unknown to the party, the following information: the date(s) on which the debt was incurred, the purpose for which it was incurred, any security given for the debt; the balance owed at the time of trial and at the time of separation; payments made by either party after separation; whether, and to what extent, the debt is claimed to be the separate or individual debt of either party; and the proposed distribution by the Court.

(3) Other relief. Each party's statement shall also set forth any other financial relief requested, other than child support, including a monetary judgment to balance the division of assets and debts, spousal maintenance, and award of costs and attorney fees.

[Adopted as LR 15 September 1, 2005; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2020.]

LCR 16C.
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

(a) When Held. Subject to available time on the Court's calendar, a settlement conference may be held in any civil or domestic case by agreement of the parties, or, in the absence of agreement, upon order of the Court.

(b) Time and Judicial Officer. A settlement conference will be held at a time set by the Court Administrator, and shall be conducted by a judicial officer other than the officer to whom the case is, or likely will be, assigned for trial.

(c) Persons Attending. The attorney in charge of each party's case shall attend the settlement conference in person. The parties to a domestic case shall attend the conference; in other civil cases, the parties, or persons with settlement authority for a party, shall be available, and the judicial officer conducting the conference shall decide whether the parties shall be present in the conference room. When the defense of a party is provided by an insurer, a representative of the insurer with authority to bind the insurer to a settlement, must be in attendance or immediately available by telephone to the attorney for that party. Attendance of any party or representative may be excused for good cause shown.

(d) Preconference Submittal. At least two days before the date set for the settlement conference, the attorney, or pro se party, personally in charge of each party's case shall present to the judicial officer conducting the conference a letter succinctly addressing those issues required to be addressed. This Preconference Submittal letter shall be delivered to the Court Administrator and shall not be filed or disclosed to the other side.

(e) Privilege. Settlement conferences shall, in all respects, be privileged proceedings. The case shall initially be called on the record and the parties present identified. The matter will then proceed off the record. No party is bound by any position taken during a settlement conference unless a settlement is reached. When a settlement has been reached, the judicial officer may, and at the request of any party shall, cause the settlement to be made a matter of record. The judicial officer presiding over the settlement conference shall be disqualified from acting as the trial judge in that matter, unless all parties otherwise agree in writing.

[Adopted as LR 17 September 1, 2005; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2020; amended effective September 1, 2023.]

LCR 26F.
SCHEDULING ORDER

(a) Status conference. In civil cases other than those specified in subsection (c) the plaintiff shall within 10 days of serving all defendants with the summons and complaint, or within 10 days of filing the summons and complaint, whichever is later, give all defendants notice of a status conference to be held on a Friday civil motion docket at 9:00 a.m. no sooner than 45 days and no later than 90 days after service of the summons and complaint on all parties. Proof of service of the notice shall be filed with the court. The purpose of the status conference is to schedule deadlines for completion of all measures necessary to prepare the case for trial. The status conference shall be stricken if the parties file a stipulated status conference statement (Form LR8-B) at least 7 calendar days before the status conference. The status conference shall also be stricken if only one party files a status conference statement. The court shall adopt the status conference statement unless otherwise ordered. Civil cases will not be set for trial unless the parties comply with this rule.

(b) Scheduling Order. Following the status conference, or upon receipt of a status conference statement agreed to by all parties, the Court will issue a Scheduling Order in the form appended hereto as Form LR 8-D. Deadlines established in the Scheduling Order may be extended by stipulation of the parties only upon leave of the Court. The Court may, upon motion of a party made before expiration of a deadline, extend any deadline in the Scheduling Order for good cause shown. The parties shall submit a proposed Amended Scheduling Order with any such motion in the form appended hereto as Form LR 8-H. It is the responsibility of the parties to prepare the Amended Scheduling Order for the Court to review and enter. If the parties strike the trial date(s) listed in the Scheduling Order, the parties must re-note for trial setting on a Civil law and motion calendar to obtain a new trial setting. The Court will then issue a Trial Notice in the form appended hereto as Form LR 8-E.

(c) Cases Excluded. Unless otherwise ordered by a judge, the scheduling procedure provided in LR 8(a) will not be employed in domestic relations, paternity; adoption; change of name; all protection order cases pursuant to RCW 7.105; interstate support enforcement; juvenile dependency; minor settlement; probate; guardianship; petition for writ of habeas corpus, mandamus, review or other writ; unlawful detainer; civil commitment; TEDRA; proceedings under chapter 10.77 RCW; proceedings under chapter 70.96A RCW; and cases in which pretrial time limits are expressed in statute.

(d) Trial Setting. See LR 40(a).

[Amended effective September 1, 2018; September 1, 2019; amended effective September 1, 2020; amended effective September 1, 2022.; amended effective September 1, 2023.]

LCR 40.
TRIAL

(a) Trial setting. Each party completing or stipulating to a status conference statement (Form LR 8-B) shall, to the extent practicable, indicate therein the approximate number of court days anticipated to be needed for trial, including jury orientation, selection, and deliberation if a jury demand has been, or is expected to be, made. Under-estimating the number of trial days may result in the trial date being stricken.

(b) Civil Trials. Civil trials shall be scheduled by the Court Administrator at such times as are conducive to the efficient operation of the Court and the expeditious resolution of cases. Generally, civil jury trials will begin on Mondays or Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. If the parties strike the trial date(s) set by the Court Administrator, the parties shall re-note for trial setting on a civil docket to obtain a new trial date.

(c) Domestic Trials. Trials in Domestic Matters may not be set until the parties have complied with the requirements of the Local Rules for Mandatory Mediation (LRMM). A Mediator's Declaration consistent with LRMM 2(c) or an Order Waiving Mediation must be filed with the Court prior to a note for trial setting being filed. Trials in domestic relations and family law cases shall be set for trial by the Court Administrator in the same manner as civil trials. Trials may be set in the Commissioner's Department. If the parties strike the trial date(s) set by the Court Administrator, the parties shall re-note for trial setting on a domestic docket to obtain a new trial date.

(d) Paternity Trials. Trials expected to exceed one-half day will generally be set by the Court Administrator as civil trials. Otherwise, paternity trials will be scheduled in the Commissioner's Department on Thursday mornings, unless a special setting is obtained from the Court Administrator. If the parties strike the trial date(s) set by the Court Administrator, the parties shall re-note for trial setting on a paternity docket to obtain a new trial date.

[Amended effective September 1, 2018; amended effective September 1, 2020; amended effective September 1, 2023.]

LCR 56.
CONFIRMATION OF SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTIONS

Counsel for the moving party shall confirm with all opposing counsel that they are available to argue the motion for summary judgment on the date and time set for the hearing, then notify the Court Administrator by 12:00 noon two court days before the hearing. Failure to comply with the provisions of this rule will result in the motion be stricken from the calendar and terms considered.

[Amended effective September 1, 2022.]

LCR 59.
RECONSIDERATION AND RE-APPLICATION

(a) Motion for Reconsideration. (1) Noting for hearing. As provided in CR 59(b), a party filing a motion for reconsideration will also file a note-up slip noting the motion for hearing on an appropriate law and motion docket, designating the judicial officer whose decision the motion seeks to reconsider. The date for hearing shall be at least ten days after filing of the motion.

(2) Hearing. Upon receiving for filing a motion for reconsideration and note-up slip, the Clerk shall cause the same to be delivered to the judicial officer whose decision the motion seeks to reconsider. The judicial officer will promptly determine, as provided in CR 59(e), whether the motion should be denied on its face, or, if not, whether the motion is to be heard on oral argument or submitted on briefs. The judicial officer will enter an order expressing such determinations, including a briefing schedule and a date for argument, when appropriate. The Court Administrator will cause copies of the order to be delivered to all counsel and unrepresented parties.

(b) Re-application. When an order has been applied for and denied in whole or in part, or has been granted conditionally and the condition has not been performed, the same application for an order may not be presented to a different judicial officer unless that officer is clearly advised of the fact of the previous denial or unfulfilled condition. If the parties strike the trial date(s) set by the Court Administrator, the parties shall re-note for trial setting on a civil docket to obtain a new trial date.

[Adopted September 1, 2005 as LR 14; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2023.]

LCR 60.
MOTIONS FOR REVISION

(a) Deadline for Hearing Motion. A motion for revision of an order entered by the Court Commissioner must be filed with the Clerk within ten (10) days of the entry of the order from which the motion arises. At the time it is filed, a motion for revision shall be noted for hearing on a normal Friday civil motion docket. A revision motion not heard within thirty (30) days after filing shall be deemed denied unless the Court extends such time for hearing for good cause.

(b) Form of Motion. The motion must clearly identify the order from which revision is sought, specify those portions of the order allegedly in error, identify the documents that were submitted to the Court Commissioner for hearing on the ruling from which revision is requested, and include a summary of the legal and factual grounds upon which the moving party relies. At the time the motion is filed, a copy of the order from which revision is sought, along with a copy of all documents relied upon by the Court Commissioner, shall be submitted to the Court Administrator as a working copy for the judge who hears the motion on revision.

(c) Transcript Required. At least five (5) court days before the hearing on the revision motion, the moving party shall file a written transcript of the hearing before the Court Commissioner, serve a copy on all opposing parties, and provide a copy to the judge who will hear the motion. The person preparing the transcript shall certify, under penalty of perjury, that it is an accurate transcription of the record.

(d) Confirmation. Motions for revision must be confirmed with the Court Administrator not later than four (4) court days before the date and time set for the hearing. Once the hearing is confirmed, the motion may not be stricken or continued without approval of the judge assigned to hear the motion. The Court shall strike unconfirmed motions from the calendar.

(e) Stay of Court Commissioner's Order. The filing of a motion for revision does not stay the Commissioner's order. The moving party may seek a stay of said order from the Court Commissioner who signed the order.

[Amended effective September 1, 2020; amended effective September 1, 2021.]

LCR 70.
CIVIL CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

This rule shall apply to all civil contempt proceedings whether brought under chapter 7.21 RCW or other statutes, but shall not apply to summary contempt proceedings under RCW 7.21.050.

(a) Warning. The order to show cause shall advise the responding party, in prominent language, that failure to appear could result in issuance of a warrant for the arrest of that party.

(b) Service. Unless otherwise authorized by order of the Court, or by the express terms of a statute under which the contempt motion is brought, or by written stipulation of the parties, the order to show cause, together with the motion and supporting declarations or other materials, must be personally served on the responding party.

(c) Failure to Appear. At the hearing, if the responding party fails to appear and upon proof of service of the pleadings required by this rule, the Court may order arrest of the responding party. Other requested remedies may also be ordered upon default, even if a warrant is not ordered.

[Adopted September 1, 2005 as LR 16; re-numbered effective September 1, 2012.]

LCR 79.
LIMITED ACCESS TO PATERNITY FILES

(a) Persons. Only the following persons shall have access to paternity files of this Court: the mother, the presumed father, any alleged father who has not been dismissed from the case, an

attorney representing any of the foregoing or the child (after filing a notice of appearance), any guardian ad litem appointed in the cause and not discharged, the State of Washington as represented by the Attorney General's office or Grant County Prosecutor's Office (or other contracted counsel), and any other person upon permission from a judge or commissioner of the Court.

(b) Limited Access. Access to a paternity file by the mother, or presumed or alleged father is limited to review of the file at the office of the Clerk of the Court when no final Judgment and Order Determining Paternity has been entered. After entry of such Judgment and Order, any party referred to in the order may, upon paying the applicable fee, receive a copy of the order and any visitation order, parenting plan, residential schedule or child support order in the file.

(c) Access by Court Officers. Any attorney, guardian ad litem, or employee or contractor of the Attorney General or Prosecutor authorized by part (a) of this rule to have access to a paternity file may examine or otherwise handle the file in the Clerk's office pursuant to policies of the Clerk.

(d) Segregation of File. The Clerk of this Court may segregate Paternity files into two or more volumes, ending the first (or subsequent) volume upon entry of an Order Establishing Paternity. Said Order, together with pleadings filed thereafter may be filed in a separate volume or volumes. When such segregation is made by the Clerk, the limitations on access expressed in this rule will be deemed only to apply to the volume(s) closed with filing of the Order Establishing Paternity

[Adopted April 1, 1997 as LR 12; amended 2005; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012.]

LCR 80.
UNLAWFUL DETAINER CASES

Unlawful Detainer Cases – Eviction Resolution Pilot Program (ERPP) and Right to Counsel

(i) Standing Order. The Court may adopt an eviction resolution pilot program (ERPP) pursuant to Chap. 115, Laws of 2021 Sec. 7 by issuing a standing order.

(ii) Right to Counsel. Now and after the Office of Civil Legal Aid's implementation of right to counsel for qualified tenants pursuant to Ch. 115, Laws of 2021, Secs. 8-9, hearings in unlawful detainer cases may be continued to afford the tenant an opportunity to obtain counsel at the court's discretion and for time frames as allowed by law.

[Adopted September 1, 2021.]

CRIMINAL RULES (LCrR)

LCrR 1.1. APPLICABILITY OF CIVIL RULES

Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, the following Local Rules apply in criminal cases as well as in civil cases: LCR 7(b), except that initial appearances, motions to revoke conditions of release, and emergency furlough motions may be noted on any criminal docket without advance notice; LCR 7(c) and (d); LCR 47; LCR 51; LCR 59.

[Adopted September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2020.]

LCrR 3.3. TRIAL SCHEDULING

(a) Criminal trials will ordinarily be scheduled to begin on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. (delayed by one day when Monday is a court holiday). The Court will maintain a calendar of cases set for trial; cases will be called for trial in the order of their speedy trial deadline, and for cases having the same deadline, in order of their cause numbers, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The Court may, by administrative order, specify further particulars regarding calling criminal cases for trial, the obligation of counsel and parties in trailing cases, and so on.

(b) A case on the trial calendar which is not resolved or expressly continued to a new trial date will be deemed continued for trial to the following week without change to its trial deadline.

[Adopted April 1, 1997 as LR 4(g); amended 2005; amended, re-numbered and re-codified effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2020.]

LCrR 3.5. CONFESSION HEARING

At or before the omnibus hearing, the prosecution shall serve on the defendant and file with the Court a brief description of the defendant's statements the prosecution intends to offer in evidence at trial. Not later than twenty four hours before a hearing pursuant to CrR 3.5, the parties may file memoranda of legal authorities relating to admission or exclusion of the defendant's statements. Before the parties set the hearing, the parties will confirm that none of their witnesses has a scheduled vacation, training or any other preexisting commitment which will make them unavailable for the scheduled hearing date.

[Adopted April 1, 1997 as LR 9(a); amended 2005; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2021.]

LCrR 3.6.
SUPPRESSION HEARING

At least one week prior to a hearing under CrR 3.6, the defendant shall serve on the Prosecutor and file with the Court a written motion for suppression, identifying the item(s) to be suppressed and briefly stating the grounds. The defendant shall serve and file with the motion a memorandum of authorities upon which defendant relies for suppression.

The prosecution shall file a memorandum of authorities upon which it relies for admissibility of the challenged evidence not later than twenty-four hours before the hearing. Before the parties set the hearing, the parties will confirm that none of their witnesses has a scheduled vacation, training or any other preexisting commitment which will make them unavailable for the scheduled hearing date.

[Adopted April 1, 1997 as LR 9(b); amended 2005; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2021.]

LCrR 4.1.
SCHEDULING ORDER

In criminal cases, at the time of arraignment, the Court will adopt a schedule for the case by completing a Scheduling Order in the form appended hereto as Form LR 8-F. The Court will cause the original Scheduling Order to be filed with the Clerk, and will cause copies to be delivered to the Court Administrator, prosecuting attorney, defense attorney and defendant.

[Adopted April 1, 1997 as LR 8(c); amended 2005; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012.]

LCrR 4.2.
INVESTIGATION OF CASE

At the time of arraignment, if the Prosecuting attorney has obtained a commitment from the primary law enforcement agency investigating the case to complete the investigation in a timely manner, he or she shall so state and specify from whom he or she has obtained the commitment.

[Adopted September 1, 2019.]

LCrR 4.5.
OMNIBUS AND READINESS HEARINGS

The scheduling order required by LCrR 4.1 shall establish dates for omnibus hearing, readiness hearing, and trial, each of which the defendant shall attend unless excused in advance by the Court. The omnibus hearing shall be conducted in the manner anticipated in CrR 4.5. At the omnibus hearing, the parties will inform the court of any dates over the next 90 days where any of the parties, attorneys, or witnesses are unavailable due to scheduled vacation, training, or any other preexisting commitment.

At the readiness hearing, the Court will confirm that all parties are ready to proceed to trial, or will continue trial to a date certain. No later than the readiness hearing, all parties shall complete and file with the Court a Statement on Trial Readiness (Form LR8-G). A matter will not be called ready for trial and will not proceed to trial unless each party has completed and filed with the Court a Statement on Trial Readiness.

[Adopted April 1, 1997 as LR 5(b); amended 2005; amended, re-numbered and re-codified effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2019; amended effective September 1, 2021.]

LCrR 6.1.
TRIAL CONFERENCE

Unless otherwise ordered, criminal trials will begin with a conference, on the record, to resolve pretrial and trial issues. The conference will begin at such time as the Court directs during the readiness hearing. If the conference is expected to require more than 60 minutes, counsel shall so advise the Court at the readiness hearing. Counsel and the defendant shall attend the trial conference. The conference will address administrative matters relating to the trial, admissibility of evidence of prior convictions or other contested evidentiary matters, motions in limine, and other motions entertained by the Court.

[Adopted April 1, 1997 as LR 6(b); amended 2005; amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012.]

LCrR 7.1.
PRESENCE OF IN-CUSTODY DEFENDANTS

For all in-custody hearings not scheduled to be heard on the Monday and Tuesday motion calendar days, outlined in LAR 4, it is the responsibility of the Defense Attorney to notify the jail to produce a client in court for a hearing.

[Adopted September 1, 2021.]

**LOCAL RULES FOR APPEAL OF DECISIONS OF COURTS OF LIMITED
JURISDICTION (LRALJ)**

**LRALJ 1.
SCOPE**

The Local Rules for Appeal of Decisions of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (LRALJ) shall apply to both civil and criminal matters.

[Adopted September 1, 2020.]

**LRALJ 7.
BRIEFS**

The parties shall comply with the briefing deadlines outlined in the State Rules for Appeal of Decisions of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (RALJ). Failure to comply with the briefing schedule may result in sanctions pursuant to RALJ Title 10, Rules 10.1 -10.3.

[Adopted September 1, 2020.]

LOCAL RULES FOR MANDATORY ARBITRATION (LRMA)

**LRMA 1.1.
PURPOSE OF RULES - OTHER RULES - DEFINITIONS**

(a) Purpose and Scope. The Purpose of these Local Rules for Mandatory Arbitration is to supplement the Mandatory Arbitration Rules (MAR) adopted by the Supreme Court in order to provide a simplified, economical procedure for the prompt and equitable resolution of disputes involving claims of \$100,000 or less. **THESE RULES MUST BE READ AND APPLIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MANDATORY ARBITRATION RULES.**

These rules are not intended to address every question which may arise during arbitration, and thus leave considerable discretion to the arbitrator. Arbitrators should liberally employ such discretion in order to assure that hearings are informal and expeditious, consistent with the purposes of the statutes and rules.

(b) Administrator. As used in these rules, "Administrator" means the employee of the Grant County Superior Court who may, from time to time, be assigned by the judges thereof the position and responsibilities of Arbitration Administrator.

[Amended effective September 1, 2018.]

LRMA 1.2.
AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY

Pursuant to RCW 7.06.020, civil matters shall be subject to mandatory arbitration if the amount claimed by any party does not exceed \$100,000 exclusive of attorney fees, interest and costs, or if the parties waive claims in excess thereof for the purposes of arbitration.

[Amended effective September 1, 2018.]

LRMA 1.3.
MOTIONS

All motions before the court relating to mandatory arbitration shall be noted on the civil motions calendar in accordance with LR 7, except as otherwise provided in these arbitration rules.

[Amended 1990; amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 2.1.
TRANSFER TO ARBITRATION

(a) Statement of Arbitrability. In every civil case to which the scheduling procedure set forth in LR 26F applies, each party filing and serving a status conference statement (Form LR 8-B) shall indicate thereon whether or not the case is subject to mandatory arbitration. Alternatively, any party who asserts that a case is subject to mandatory arbitration may at any time file and serve on all other parties a statement of arbitrability.

(b) Response. A party who disputes another party's assertion that the case is or is not subject to mandatory arbitration shall so advise the court in any one of these ways: (1) by so indicating in the status conference statement (Form LR 8-B); (2) by so indicating at the commencement of the status conference required by LR 26F(a); or (3) by serving and filing a written response to another party's statement of arbitrability within 14 days of service thereof.

(c) Amendment. A party may amend a statement of arbitrability, response, or other assertion regarding arbitrability of the case at any time before assignment of an arbitrator, and thereafter only upon leave of the court for good cause shown.

(d) Failure to File. If no response or other dispute regarding arbitrability is filed or brought to the attention of the court as provided in this rule, then a statement that the case is subject to mandatory arbitration will be deemed correct.

(e) By Stipulation. A case in which all parties file a stipulation to arbitrate under MAR 8.1 will be transferred to arbitration regardless of the nature of the case or the amount in controversy.

[Amended 1990; amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 2.3.
ASSIGNMENT TO ARBITRATOR

(a) Generally - Stipulations. When a case is set for arbitration, a list of five proposed arbitrators will be furnished to the parties. A master list of arbitrators will be made available on request. The parties are encouraged to stipulate to an arbitrator. In the absence of a stipulation, the arbitrator will be chosen from among the five proposed arbitrators in the manner set forth in this rule.

(b) Response by Parties. Each party may, within 14 days after a list of proposed arbitrators is furnished to the parties, nominate one or two arbitrators and strike two arbitrators from the list. If both parties respond, an arbitrator nominated by both parties will be appointed. If no arbitrator has been nominated by both parties, the Administrator will randomly appoint an arbitrator from among those not stricken by either party.

(c) Response by Only One Party. If only one party responds within 14 days, the Administrator will appoint an arbitrator nominated by that party.

(d) No Response. If no party responds within 14 days, the Administrator will randomly appoint one of the five proposed arbitrators.

(e) Additional Parties. If there are more than two adverse parties, all represented by different counsel, two additional proposed arbitrators shall be added to the list for each additional party so represented with the procedures for selection set forth in this rule to be applied. The number of adverse parties shall be determined by the Administrator, subject to review by the Presiding Judge.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 3.1.
QUALIFICATIONS

(a) Arbitration Panel. There shall be a panel of arbitrators in such numbers as the Superior Court Judges may from time to time determine. A person desiring to serve as an arbitrator shall complete an information sheet on the form prescribed by the Court. A list of the names of arbitrators available to hear cases, and the information sheets filed by them, will be available for public inspection at the Administrator's office. The oath of office, in a form prescribed by the Court, must be completed and filed prior to an applicant being placed on the arbitration panel.

(b) Refusal - Disqualification. The appointment of an arbitrator is subject to the right of that person to decline to serve. An arbitrator must notify the Administrator immediately if declining to serve or if any cause exists for the arbitrator's disqualification from the case upon any of the grounds of interest, relationship, bias, or prejudice set forth in the Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 2.11 governing the disqualification of judges. If disqualified, the arbitrator will immediately return all materials in a case to the Administrator.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 4.2.
DISCOVERY

In determining when additional discovery beyond that directly authorized by MAR 4.2 is reasonably necessary, the arbitrator shall balance the benefits of discovery against the burdens and expenses. The arbitrator shall consider the nature and complexity of the case, the amount in controversy, values at stake, the discovery that has already occurred, the burdens on the party from whom discovery is sought, and the possibility of unfair surprise which may result if discovery is restricted. Authorized discovery shall be conducted in accordance with the civil rules except that motions concerning discovery shall be resolved by the arbitrator. Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the arbitrator from considering, in ruling on the merits of the case, any other discovery devices which may have been completed prior to assignment of the case to the arbitrator.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 5.1.
NOTICE OF HEARING - TIME AND PLACE - CONTINUANCE

An arbitration hearing may be scheduled at any reasonable time and place chosen by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may grant a continuance without court order. The parties may stipulate to a continuance only with leave of the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall give reasonable notice of the hearing date and any continuance to the Administrator.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 5.2.

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF PROOF - DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE COURT

The statements of witnesses and exhibits required by MAR 5.2 shall be simultaneously exchanged by all parties. In addition to the requirements of MAR 5.2, each party shall also furnish the arbitrator with copies of pleadings and other documents contained in the court file which that party deems relevant. The Court file shall remain in the custody of the County Clerk.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 5.3.

CONDUCT OF HEARING - WITNESSES - RULES OF EVIDENCE

(a) Oath or Affirmation. The arbitrator shall place a witness under oath or affirmation, substantially in the following form, before the witness presents testimony: "Do you solemnly swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that the testimony you give in this matter will be the truth?"

(b) Recording. The hearing may be recorded electronically or otherwise by any party at his or her expense, providing that the means of recording do not interfere with conduct of the hearing.

(c) Rules of Evidence Generally. The Rules of Evidence, to the extent determined by the arbitrator to be applicable, should be liberally construed to promote justice and economical dispute resolution.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 6.1.

FORM AND CONTENT OF AWARD

(a) Form. The arbitrator's award shall be prepared on a form prescribed by the Court.

(b) Exhibits. All exhibits offered during the arbitration hearing shall be returned to the offering parties.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012; amended effective September 1, 2022.]

LRMA 6.2.
FILING OF AWARD - EXTENSION

A request by the arbitrator for extension of the time for filing an award under MAR 6.2 may be presented ex parte to the Presiding Judge. The arbitrator shall give all parties notice of any extension granted.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 7.1.
REQUEST FOR TRIAL DE NOVO - TRIAL SETTING

Any party desiring trial de novo after an arbitration award must give notice thereof as provided in MAR 7.1(a) notwithstanding that the case is not ripe for trial setting under LR 40. If a trial date has been assigned prior to the filing of an arbitration award, it shall remain in place if a request for trial de novo is filed pursuant to MAR 7.1(a), and shall be stricken if no such request is filed within the time permitted by MAR 7.1(a).

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 7.2.
SEALING ARBITRATION AWARD

[Withdrawn effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 8.1.
STIPULATIONS - EFFECT ON RELIEF GRANTED

If a case not otherwise subject to mandatory arbitration is transferred to the arbitration calendar by stipulation, the arbitrator may grant award any relief which could have been granted if the case were determined by a judge.

[Amended effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 8.3.
EFFECTIVE DATE

[Withdrawn effective September 1, 2012.]

LRMA 8.4.
TITLE AND CITATION

These rules are known and cited as the Grant County Superior Court Local Rules for Mandatory Arbitration. "LRMA" is the official abbreviation.

LRMA 8.6.
COMPENSATION OF ARBITRATORS

(a) Generally. Arbitrators shall be compensated for time spent in preparation, hearings, and preparation of an award, at an hourly rate established by the Office of Administrator of the Courts. Hourly compensation shall not include travel time. Arbitrators shall also be compensated for their reasonable costs, including mileage.

(b) Determination and Payment. The Administrator shall determine the amount of compensation and costs to be paid, and shall cause the costs and one-half of the compensation to be promptly paid from funds of Grant County, without deductions. The Administrator will promptly submit a request for payment of the remaining one-half of compensation, less deductions required by law, from funds of the State of Washington.

(c) Form. When the arbitrator's award is filed, the arbitrator shall submit to the Court a request for payment on a form prescribed by the Court.

[Amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012; previously LRMA 8.5.]

LRMA 8.7.
ADMINISTRATION

The Administrator, under the supervision of the Court Administrator and the Superior Court Judges, shall supervise arbitration under these rules and perform such additional duties relating thereto as the judges or court administrator may direct.

[Amended and re-numbered effective September 1, 2012; previously LRMA 8.6.]

LOCAL RULES FOR MANDATORY MEDIATION (LRMM)

LRMM 1.

Grant County Superior Court Rule for Mediation

(a) **Mediation Required.** Contested issues in family law cases are subject to mandatory mediation in accordance with this rule. No trial or hearing shall be conducted to resolve any such issue until either (1) the parties have engaged in mediation; or (2) the court has, for good cause, waived the mediation requirement of this rule. Attorneys for the parties may attend mediation proceedings. Mediation proceedings must be completed prior to a note for trial setting being filed. Nothing in this rule shall be interpreted to require mediation of disputes concerning child support, and mediation shall not be required in such disputes.

(b) **Family Law Cases.**

(1) Family law cases subject to mandatory mediation under this rule are as follows:

a. Dissolution or declaration of invalidity of marriage or domestic partnership.

b. Legal separation.

c. Child custody proceedings involving parents, presumed or putative parents, de facto parents, or non-parents (after a finding adequate cause when required).

d. Paternity cases after entry of a judgment determining parentage.

e. Proceedings to establish maintenance obligations.

f. Proceedings relating to the termination of marriage-like relationships.

(2) Unless otherwise ordered by the court, mediation under this rule is not required for the following cases or issues:

a. Dependency and termination cases.

b. Contempt proceedings regarding compliance with court orders.

c. Petitions for Domestic Violence Protection Orders.

d. Adoption proceedings.

e. Petitions for emancipation of a minor or for change of name.

f. Motions to waive the requirements of this rule for good cause.

(c) Contested Issues.

(1) Contested issues subject to mandatory mediation under this rule include the following:

- a. Characterization, valuation and/or division of assets and debts.
- b. Establishment of final parenting plan or residential schedule.
- c. Modification of a final parenting plan or residential schedule after a finding of adequate cause.
- d. Modification of a temporary parenting plan or residential schedule.
- e. Establishment of maintenance (other than initial temporary order).
- f. Modification of temporary or permanent maintenance order.

(2) Unless otherwise ordered by the court, contested issues subject to mandatory mediation under this rule do not include the following:

- a. Entry of initial temporary support order.
- b. Entry of initial temporary parenting plan or residential schedule.
- c. Entry of other initial temporary orders, including restraining orders; orders for the use, possession, disposition or preservation of assets; orders allocating responsibility for debt service; and similar temporary orders.

(d) Waiver. On its own motion, or on motion of a party, the court may waive the mediation requirements or time limits of this rule for good cause. Good cause will be presumed in cases where mediation would require a party subjected to domestic violence to meet in close proximity with a perpetrator of that violence.

(e) Refusal to Mediate. If either party refuses to mediate without first having sought or obtained an order waiving mediation, the other party may bring a motion to compel the refusing party to engage in mediation. At the hearing regarding the motion to compel mediation, the court may, in its discretion, assess terms, including attorney's fees. In the event that an order compelling mediation is granted, and the party against whom the order is entered still refuses to mediate, then the court may, upon proper motion, grant such further relief as the court deems appropriate, including any relief authorized by Civil Rule 37(b) of the Superior Court Civil Rules for the State of Washington.

[Amended effective September 1, 2018.]

LRMM 2.
MEDIATOR

(a) Appointment of Mediator. The parties may stipulate to appointment of a person to perform the mediation required by this rule by filing with the court a written stipulation including the name, address and date of appointment of the mediator. In the absence of stipulation, the court will, on its own motion or the motion of a party, appoint a mediator. The person or organization appointed by the parties or the court shall immediately be notified of the appointment. Any person so appointed may decline the appointment and promptly notify the parties and the Court thereof.

(b) Compensation. The mediator shall set a reasonable fee for mediation. The parties shall promptly pay the mediator's fee in the proportions agreed by the parties or, in the absence of agreement, as ordered by the Court.

(c) Authority and Duties. The mediator shall set the time, place, manner, and duration of mediation, which may be adjourned from time to time to facilitate resolution of issues. Within seven (7) days after completion of mediation, the mediator shall file with the Court, and provide copies to the parties and attorneys who participated in the mediation, a declaration setting forth (1) the date(s) of mediation; (2) the contested issues mediated; and (3) the manner in which any party failed, in the judgment of the mediator, to participate in good faith.

(d) Mediator as Witness. The mediator may not be subpoenaed to testify, nor shall the mediator agree or volunteer to testify, in any discovery procedure or court hearing regarding the statements, communications, or proposals, written or oral, made by any party, attorney or other participant in the mediation process.

[Adopted May 27, 2012.]

LRMM 3.
MEDIATION PROCESS

(a) Required Materials. At least two days before mediation proceedings, each party will submit to the mediator proposed orders sought to be entered by the Court or equivalent written statements of the resolution of all contested issues subject to mediation. When support issues are being mediated, each party will include a financial declaration and completed child support worksheets. When characterization, valuation, and/or division of assets or debts is being mediated, each party shall submit a statement in the form required by LR 15. The parties shall timely submit any additional materials requested by the mediator. Materials submitted to the mediator shall not be filed with the Clerk of the Court.

(b) Good Faith Obligation. The parties shall mediate in good faith. Failure to fully participate in mediation, including failure to submit required materials, refusal to discuss a contested issue, or refusal to consider a proposed resolution, shall be evidence of lack of good faith. A party may be sanctioned for failing to mediate in good faith; sanctions may include assessment of all costs of

mediation, an award of attorney fees and costs to a party participating in good faith, or other sanctions ordered by the Court.

(c) Appearance. For good cause shown, the mediator may permit any participant in mediation to appear by telephone. At the mediator's discretion, persons other than the parties and their attorneys may be permitted to attend the mediation, provided, that a party seeking permission for a non-party to attend shall give reasonable advance written notice of the request to every opposing party.

(d) Agreement. Any agreement between the parties reached during the mediation process shall be reduced to writing before conclusion of the mediation and shall be endorsed by all parties, participating attorneys, and the mediator. The mediator may, upon notice to a person participating by telephone, endorse the agreement on behalf of that person. The mediator will cause a copy of the endorsed agreement to be provided to each party before conclusion of the mediation.

[Adopted May 27, 2012.]

LRMM 4.
CONFIDENTIALITY

(a) Disclosure of Communications. The work product of the mediator, and all statements by, and communications between, the mediator and any participant in the mediation proceedings, or by or between any participant and another participant or counsel for a participant, shall be confidential, and shall not be disclosed to any person, except as follows: (1) the mediator shall report to appropriate law enforcement and/or child welfare authorities information relating to the abuse of any child when such information comes to the mediator at any time in the mediation proceedings and the information appears to be evidence of a crime against a child; and (2) any written agreement endorsed by the parties as set forth in this rule may be filed with or disclosed to the Court.

(b) Admonition to Participants. The mediator shall provide in writing to all participants in the mediation process a copy of the foregoing provision prior to commencement of mediation.

[Adopted May 27, 2012.]

LRMM 5.
OTHER PROVISIONS

(a) Discovery. The mediation process does not stay, prohibit, supersede or otherwise affect the rights and obligations of the parties to conduct or provide discovery as set forth in applicable rules of court, or modify in any way the provisions of law for compelling the same.

(b) Title and Citation. These rules are known and cited as the Grant County Superior Court Local Rules for Mandatory Mediation. "LRMM" is the official abbreviation.

(c) Effective Date. This rule shall apply to all causes of action pending before the court on or after the 1st day of September, 2012, except those cases in which trial has commenced.

[Adopted May 27, 2012.]

FORMS

Form LAR A. Notice of Loss of Voting Rights

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY

In re the Guardianship of: _____)
) NO.
)
) NOTICE OF LOSS OF VOTING RIGHTS
 Incapacitated Person.) **CLERK'S ACTION REQUIRED**
) (send notice to County Auditor)

On _____, this matter came before the Court. Pursuant to Laws of Washington RCW 11.88.010, it has been determined that the individual named in this notice lacks the capacity to understand the nature and effect of voting. The Court has appointed a guardian and has revoked the right to vote.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Filing Party: _____

Printed Name/WSBA#: _____

Address: _____

I hereby certify that I personally mailed the above notice to the Auditor of the county in which the incapacitated person resides on _____.

Deputy Clerk, Grant County Superior Court

[Adopted effective September 1, 2016.]

Form LR 8-A. Notice of Status Conference

Superior Court of Washington
County of Grant

_____,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
_____,
Defendant(s).

No. _____

Notice of Status Conference
(NTSC)

Date: _____

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Department: Civil Docket

A status conference will be held in this cause on the date and time shown above.

The following rules apply to this status conference procedure:

DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NOTICE. The Plaintiff has provided this notice to all parties who have appeared herein. Plaintiff(s) shall immediately forward a copy of this notice to any party who has not yet appeared, but whom plaintiff(s) or counsel expect to appear before the date set above.

PARTIES TO CONFER. At least 15 days before the status conference, all parties must confer regarding the following subject:(a) service of process; (b) jurisdiction and venue; (c) anticipated motions; (d) anticipated discovery; (e) appropriate time limits for disclosure of experts, amendment of pleadings, addition of parties, discovery and dispositive motions; (f) likelihood of jury demand; (g) anticipated length of trial.

STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT. The Plaintiff is required to provide a blank Status Conference Statement (Form LR8-B) accompanying this notice to all parties who have appeared herein or immediately forward a copy to any party who has not yet appeared, but whom plaintiff(s) or counsel expect to appear before the date set above, which must be completed by each party and filed with the court at least seven court days before the status conference. Each party must deliver, mail or email a copy of the completed status conference statement to the Court Administrator. Failure to do so may result in a delay in your case. If an agreed Status Conference Statement is filed, the conference will be stricken. The status conference shall also be stricken if only one party files a status conference statement. If no statements are on file seven court days before the status conference, the court will strike the hearing for non-compliance and you will not receive a scheduling order nor trial date.

PARTIES SHALL PROVIDE UNAVAILABLE DATES, AS WELL AS ANTICIPATED TRIAL LENGTH AT LEAST SEVEN COURT DAYS PRIOR TO THE STATUS CONFERENCE. THE TRIAL DATE WILL BE SET BY THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PARTIES. IF NO STATEMENTS ARE ON FILE SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE STATUS CONFERENCE, YOU WILL NOT BE GIVEN A SCHEDULING ORDER NOR TRIAL DATE.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington, that on the date stated below, (s)he deposited a copy of this Notice of Status Conference in the U.S. Mail, with sufficient postage prepaid, addressed to the persons and addresses named below or on the attached sheet.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Signed at (city) _____, (state) _____ on (date) _____.

Signature

Print Name

Form LR 8-B. Status Conference Statement

Superior Court of Washington
County of Grant

vs.	Plaintiff(s),	No.	
	Defendant(s).		Status Conference Statement (ST)

THE PARTIES MUST MEET AND CONFER,

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE STATUS CONFERENCE AND

A COPY MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Is this case subject to mandatory arbitration? NO Yes

(Case is subject to mandatory arbitration if sole relief sought is money judgment not over \$100,000 exclusive of costs & interest).

If case is subject to mandatory arbitration, do not complete the remainder of this form; sign the form and return it to the court along with the arbitration filing fee.

Anticipated form of trial: Non-jury Jury of 6 Jury of 12 (jury demand and fee must be filed with the Clerk before or along with this form if a jury is being requested.)

Anticipated number of trial days needed: ___ days, including jury voir dire, closing argument, and deliberations. (Under-estimating the number of trial days may result in the trial date being stricken.)

The parties who have not settled or been released (i.e., who will participate in trial) are:

When is the earliest date discovery will be completed?

When is the earliest date the case will be ready for trial?

Complete the following request for deadlines to be included in the Scheduling Order. Pretrial steps are listed in most common order. If no request, "Default Schedule" will be used.

	REQUESTED SCHEDULE	DEFAULT SCHEDULE
1. Deadline to join additional parties and amend claims or defenses:		180 days before trial
2. Plaintiff disclosure of expert witnesses:		180 days before trial
3. Defendant disclosure of expert witnesses:		150 days before trial
4. Plaintiff disclosure of rebuttal expert witnesses:		120 days before trial
5. Deadline to complete discovery		90 days before trial
6. Last date for hearing dispositive motions:		45 days before trial
7. Deadline to file witness and exhibit lists:		30 days before pretrial conference
8. Deadline to file motions in limine, proposed jury instructions and trial briefs:		7 days before pretrial conference

A pretrial conference (see LCR 16):

[] can most likely be completed in 60 minutes and thus may be held at 9:00 am on first trial day.

[] will likely exceed 60 minutes and should therefore be specially set by the court administrator.

Please notify the court administrator if your response to this item changes before the trial.

A settlement conference before a judge other than the trial judge is is not requested.

Beginning six months after the status conference date, I (or "we" if this is a joint statement) am unavailable for trial--due to now-existing scheduled trials, hearings, or travel--on the following dates:

Each undersigned certifies that (s)he has conferred with all other counsel and pro se parties regarding the matters set forth herein, and that all parties:

Do agree to the requested schedule.

Do not agree to the requested schedule.

Attorney for:

Attorney for:

Attorney for:

Attorney for:

[Adopted effective April 1, 1997. Amended effective September 1, 2012; September 1, 2015; September 1, 2018, September 1, 2019.]

Form LR 8-C. Note-Up Slip for Trial Setting

Superior Court of Washington
County of Grant

and PLAINTIFF(S), DEFENDANT(S).	No. Note-Up Slip For Trial Setting (NTTRS) Hearing Date: Time:
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THIS FORM MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER DISCOVERY DEADLINE

**EACH PARTY BY OR AGAINST WHOM CLAIMS
REMAIN UNRESOLVED COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

This case remains unresolved after completion of discovery, and requires a trial of _____ days.

[] Bench trial [] Jury of: 6 12 (Jury demand filed by _____)

A pretrial conference:

[] Can be completed in 30 minutes and so may be held at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of trial.

[] Will likely exceed 30 minutes and should be specially set by the Court Administrator.

The parties who have not settled or otherwise released (i.e., who will participate in the trial) are:

I am unavailable for trial on the following dates:

A settlement conference before a judge other than the trial judge is is not requested.

DATE: _____

Attorney for: _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Form LR 8-D. Scheduling Order

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF GRANT

vs. Plaintiff(s) Defendant(s) NO. SCHEDULING ORDER (ORSCS)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A [] Non-Jury, [] Jury 6, [] Jury 12 TRIAL in this case is set for __ day(s), beginning:

Date: Time: Setting:
Date: Time: Setting:
Date: Time: Setting:

NOTICE: Trial is limited to number of days stated above. If trial is expected to exceed that limit, please notify the Court Administrator immediately.

[] HEARING(S) in this cause are set as follows:

Nature of Hearing Time Allotted Date, Time, & Judge

The parties hereto will complete trial preparation according to the following schedule:

- 1. Deadline to join additional parties and amend claims or defenses:
2. Plaintiff disclosure of expert witnesses:
3. Defendant disclosure of expert witnesses:
4. Plaintiff disclosure of rebuttal expert witnesses:
5. Deadline to complete discovery:
6. Last date for hearing dispositive motions:
7. Deadline to file witness and exhibit lists:

8. Deadline to file motions in limine, proposed jury instructions and trial briefs:

MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE: The court may, on motion of a party, after notice and hearing, modify any of the foregoing dates for good cause shown. Schedule deadlines may be amended by stipulation of the parties only upon leave of the court.

ORDERED BY THE COURT this date:

Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: The undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington, that on the date stated above, (s)he deposited a copy of this Notice of Status Conference in the U.S. Mail, with sufficient postage prepaid, addressed to the persons and addresses named below or on the attached sheet.

NAME
TITLE
ADDRESS

NAME
TITLE
ADDRESS

Grant County Superior Court
P.O. Box 37
Ephrata, WA 98823
(509) 754-2011, ext.
(509) 754-6036 fax

[Adopted effective April 1, 1997. Amended effective September 1, 2012; September 1, 2015; September 1, 2018.]

Form LR 8-E. Notice of Trial/Hearing Dates

Superior Court of Washington
County of Grant

Plaintiff(s), vs. Respondent(s)/Defendant(s).	No.	NOTICE OF: <input type="checkbox"/> Trial Date(s) (NTTD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Date(s) (NTHG)
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A **Non-Jury**, **Jury 6**, **Jury 12 TRIAL** in this case is set for () **days**, beginning:

Date:	Time:	Setting:
Date:	Time:	Setting:
Date:	Time:	Setting:

NOTICE: Trial is limited to number of days stated above. If trial is expected to exceed that limit, please notify the Court Administrator immediately.

HEARING(S) in this cause are set as follows:

<u>Nature of Hearing</u>	<u>Time Allotted</u>	<u>Date, Time, & Judge</u>
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I certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington, that on the date stated below I deposited a copy of the foregoing in the U.S. Mail addressed to each party and address identified below.

Date: _____

 Grant County Superior Court
 P.O. Box 37
 Ephrata, WA 98823
 (509) 754-2011 ext.

cc:	NAME	NAME
	TITLE	TITLE
	ADDRESS	ADDRESS

Form LR 8-F. Criminal Case Scheduling Order (ORSTD)

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY

STATE OF WASHINGTON, Plaintiff,)
) NO.
vs. _____)
) **CRIMINAL CASE SCHEDULING ORDER**
_____,)
Defendant.)

=====

PROS'R: _____ DEF'R: _____ LANG. _____

CrR 3.3 COMMENC'MT DATE: _____ TRIAL DEADLINE: _____

OMNIBUS HRG. _____ READINESS _____ TRIAL _____

**** Defendant must attend Omnibus Hearing and Readiness Hearing, each set at 9:00 a.m. Defendant must attend Trial set at 8:30 a.m. ****

IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. On or before the Omnibus Hearing date, **counsel for the State** shall disclose to counsel for Defendant all materials and information identified in CrR 4.7(a). On or before said date, **counsel for Defendant** shall disclose to counsel for the State all materials and information identified in CrR 4.7(b).
2. Motions requiring hearings in excess of ten minutes per side, or involving live testimony, including hearings under CrR 3.5 and CrR 3.6, shall be filed or made orally at the Omnibus Hearing. Hearings upon such matters will be docketed only when requested at the time the motion is filed or made orally.
3. At the Omnibus Hearing, the court may, upon its own motion or at the request of counsel, schedule additional status hearings or a Pretrial Conference pursuant to CrR 4.5(c)(v).
4. At the Omnibus Hearing, counsel shall certify to the court: (a) the status of discovery and compliance with disclosure obligations; (b) that counsel have conferred in good faith to consider resolution of the case without trial; and (c) that a plea agreement has or will be proposed, or will not be considered, and the withdrawal date of any outstanding settlement offer.
5. At the Readiness Hearing, each side will either confirm its readiness to proceed to Trial or move for Trial continuance. If Trial is continued, the court shall also schedule an additional readiness hearing accordingly.
6. **Notice to Defendant:** If Trial does not commence on the date scheduled, and a new trial date is not expressly ordered by the court, Readiness Hearing and Trial will be deemed continued to the following week. Defendant shall appear the following Monday (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) for Readiness Hearing, and the following Wednesday (Thursday if Monday is a holiday) for Trial.

DONE IN OPEN COURT _____
JUDGE

Receipt of copy acknowledged by Defendant: _____

Form LR 8-G. Statement on Trial Readiness

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY

STATE OF WASHINGTON,	)	NO. _____
)	
Plaintiff,	)	[ ] STATE'S
vs.	)	[ ] DEFENDANT'S
	)	_____ (Identify
_____ ,	)	Defendant's Name)
	)	STATEMENT ON TRIAL READINESS
Defendant.	)	Trial Date: _____
)	
_____ )	)	(ST)

On behalf of [] the State [] the Defendant, the undersigned hereby informs the Court of the following:

1. Trial is estimated to last ____ (days). This includes jury selection and any expected cross-examination of witnesses.
2. [] The State [] The Defendant expects to call ____ (number) witnesses, excluding defendant.
3. My office has contacted all previously identified trial witnesses and each one has confirmed they are available for trial, except as follows (include all scheduling accommodations requested by a witness):
 _____ Reason: _____
 _____ Reason: _____
4. [] I am available on the days needed for trial [] except as follows:
 _____ Reason: _____
5. All discovery has been disclosed as required by the court rules, as well as by any prior order entered by the Court in this matter.
6. I have provided opposing counsel with the written report(s) and/or a summary of opinions of every expert witness I plan to call at trial. This includes disclosure of the results of any examination, test, experiment, or comparison.
7. [] I have conferred with law enforcement. I am informed that all necessary investigation has been completed and all written reports have been produced.

[] I have conferred with any retained defense investigator. I am informed that all necessary investigation has been completed.

8. All audio and video recordings have been produced. I also informed the opposing party of the portions of all audio or video recordings that I will use or seek to introduce at trial. To the extent necessary, transcripts have been prepared to assist the Court in evaluating the admissibility of said audio or video recording.

9. I believe all reasonable offers to resolve this matter have been extended and/or discussed with the opposing party.

10. I am familiar with all allegations in the Information, and know of no necessity for, or intent to amend the Information except as follows:

11. All necessary CrR 3.5 and CrR 3.6 hearings have been conducted and completed, with corresponding written orders entered by the Court.

12. The Court may wish to invest more time in reviewing the following motion(s) in limine or potential evidentiary issues: _____

Dated: _____

By _____ WSBA No. _____

Attorney for [] the State
[] the Defendant

Form LR 8-H. Amended Scheduling Order

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF GRANT

Plaintiff(s)) NO.
vs.) AMENDED
) SCHEDULING ORDER
) (ORSCS)
Defendant(s).)

The parties hereto will complete trial preparation according to the following schedule:

- 1. Deadline to join additional parties and amend claims or defenses: _____
- 2. Plaintiff disclosure of expert witnesses: _____
- 3. Defendant disclosure of expert witnesses: _____
- 4. Plaintiff disclosure of rebuttal expert witnesses: _____
- 5. Deadline to complete discovery _____
- 6. Last date for hearing dispositive motions: _____
- 7. Deadline to file witness and exhibit lists: _____
- 8. Deadline to file motions in limine, proposed jury instructions and trial briefs: _____

MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE: The court may, on motion of a party, after notice and hearing, modify any of the foregoing dates for good cause shown. Schedule deadlines may be amended by stipulation of the parties only upon leave of the court.

ORDERED BY THE COURT this date: _____ JUDGE

Attorney for:

Attorney for:

Form LR 8-I. Webex Notice

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY

_____	)	NO. _____
)	
Plaintiff/Petitioner,)	
)	
vs.	)	NOTICE REGARDING HEARING
	)	SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD VIA
	)	WEBEX (NT)
_____)	
Defendant/Respondent.)	
)	
)	

To: (Name(s) of Party(ies) or Witness(es) Granted Permission)

This matter is scheduled to be heard via the Grant County Superior Court’s Webex platform. The Webex platform allows you to appear by video or by telephone. Attorneys are required to appear by video. Pro se litigants (and an attorney’s clients) may appear by telephone only if they do not have the ability to appear by video. If this matter involves a request for a protection order, a party may appear in person if they are unable to appear by video or telephone.

To access the Webex platform you must go to www.grantcountywa.gov/365/WebEx-Video-Hearings. Clicking on this link will allow you to access the “virtual” courtrooms on the date and time of the scheduled hearing. You will also see a telephone number and access code that can be used if you are unable to appear by video.

[Adopted September 1, 2023.]