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WASHINGTON STATE
SUPREME COURT

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEFINITION)
OF DIGITAL SIGNATURE IN THE)
CONTEXT OF ELECTRONIC FILING)
AND SERVICE)
_____)

ORDER

No. 25700-B-596

General Rule 30, pertaining to Electronic Filing and Service, defines “Digital signature” by reference to RCW 19.34.020. GR 30(a)(1). The first comment to GR 30 provides, “The form of ‘digital signature’ that is acceptable is not limited to the procedure defined by chapter 19.34 RCW, but may include other equivalently reliable forms of authentication as adopted by local court rule or general order.” House Bill 1908, Chapter 132, Laws of 2019, repealed RCW 19.34.020 effective July 28, 2019, and moved the definition of “digital signature” to other statutes.

Due to the repeal of RCW 19.34.020, it is necessary to provide an alternative definition for digital signatures as contemplated by the comment to GR 30. The Court has determined that reference to a successor statute will best promote statewide uniformity and provide clear direction to all court levels.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

For purposes of GR 30, “digital signature” is defined in RCW 9A.72.085 as current on July 28, 2019.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 16th day of July, 2019.

Fairhurst, C.J.
CHIEF JUSTICE