

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTRONIC)
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NO. 25700-B- 334

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has the ability to send and receive messages electronically, and

WHEREAS, the Court wishes to take advantage of this technology in order to facilitate access to the Court, and

WHEREAS, RAP 1.2(c) and RAP 18.8(a) provide the Court may waive or alter the provisions of the Rules of Appellate Procedure in order to serve the ends of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

That the Supreme Court Clerk shall establish protocols for the electronic filing of documents and e-mail messages in the Supreme Court. That the provisions of RAP 18.7, which requires that each paper filed in the Court be signed by an attorney, are waived for all papers filed electronically, pursuant to this Order and protocols established by the Clerk.

When the parties in a case agree:

1. The provisions of RAP 18.5(a), which require that a copy of a pleading be served on all parties, amicus, and persons who may be entitled to notice, shall be construed to apply to messages sent through the electronic mail system.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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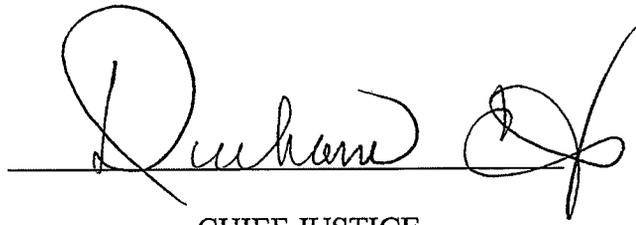
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2. The provisions of RAP 18.7(b), which sets forth methods of service shall be construed to include the use of "cc:" in all electronic mail message.

That this Order shall apply in all cases for all documents as provided in protocols established by the Supreme Court Clerk.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 14th day of September, 1997



CHIEF JUSTICE