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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY

IN MATTER OF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC )  
HEALTH EMERGENCY RE: ) EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE  
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 ) ORDER NO. 9  
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WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court issued an emergency order on March 4, 2020 in response to a public health emergency, caused by the coronavirus/COVID-19, that affects the operations of the trial courts in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, in the past four months the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted additional emergency orders that affected trial court operations and granted emergency authority to trial courts to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Superior Court has issued Emergency Administrative Orders as a result of the public health emergency, caused by the coronavirus/COVID-19, and pursuant to the authority granted to it by the Washington State Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Grant County Superior Court Emergency Order No. 6 dated May 5, 2020 allowed for hearings to be conducted via the Webex platform through June 1, 2020 and Emergency Order No. 8 extended said date through July 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Superior Court believes use of the Webex platform should continue considering the current state of the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus/COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the additional emergency orders from the Washington State Supreme Court have continued to require and/or encourage trial courts to allow for appearances by telephone, video or other means that do not require in person attendance when appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

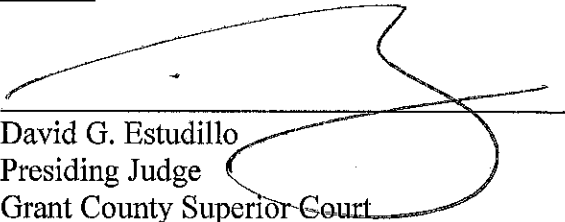
1. **Webex Platform.** The Grant County Superior Court will continue to use the Webex platform for court appearances as detailed in Grant County Superior Court Emergency Order No. 6 dated May 5, 2020. Unless otherwise identified below, the procedure for appearing before the Grant County Superior Court, as outlined in paragraphs 1 through 6 of Grant County Superior Court Emergency Order No. 6 dated May 5, 2020, shall remain in effect until further order of the Grant County Superior Court.
  - a. **Adult criminal dockets.** These dockets will be scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays only pursuant to Grant County LAR 4.
  - b. **CrR 3.5 and CrR 3.6 hearings.** These hearing may be scheduled on Wednesdays or Thursdays pursuant to Grant County LAR 4.
  - c. **Civil matters (excluding criminal and juvenile offender matters): Working Copies.** Parties shall submit only working copies of motions, working copies of supporting documents, and original proposed orders to the Court Administrator as outlined in paragraphs 2.d. and 2.e. of Grant County Superior Court Emergency Order No. 6 dated May 5, 2020. Parties shall *not* submit documents to be conformed to the Court Administrator. Documents to be conformed shall be submitted directly to the Clerk's office.

The upper right hand corner of all working copies submitted to the Court Administrator shall be marked "working copies" and note the date and time of consideration or hearing, the name of the hearing judge or commissioner or the name of the calendar on which the motion is to be heard, and by whom the documents are being presented ("moving party," "opposing party," "petitioner," "respondent," or other descriptive or identifying term).

2. **Ex Parte Filing Fees.** To continue encouraging attorneys and litigants to present ex parte matters by mail rather than in person, the Superior Court Clerk has agreed to continue waiving the ex parte filing fee until July 31, 2020 for those parties who submit an ex parte matter by mail. After July 31, 2020, attorneys and litigants are directed to contact the Clerk's office to determine whether waiver of the ex parte fee will continue past July 31, 2020.
3. All Webex hearings will not be recorded through the Webex platform and, therefore, will not be available for review through that medium. All hearings will continue to be audio recorded through the courtroom FTR system, or by court reporter, and records of those hearings shall be available to the parties and the public by normal means.
4. This administrative order and other administrative orders previously issued by the Grant County Superior Court in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 public health emergency may be deemed part of the record in affected cases for purposes of appeal without the need to file the orders in each case.

5. The Court understands the pending public health emergency created by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 is a fluid situation that continues to develop on a daily and sometimes hourly basis. Accordingly, the Court will continue to review emerging developments and may issue further administrative orders as necessary.

ORDER DATED: 7/1/2020



David G. Estudillo  
Presiding Judge  
Grant County Superior Court