

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE  
COUNTIES OF FERRY, PEND OREILLE, AND STEVENS**

STEVENS COUNTY NO: 20-2-00001-33 # 14

PEND OREILLE COUNTY NO: 09-24-2020

FERRY COUNTY NO: 20-2-0001-10

**Emergency Order Suspending Jury Trials until November 2, 2020**

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency due to the COVID 19 outbreak in Washington; and, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency due to the COVID 19 outbreak across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has issued emergency orders in response to the public health emergency that affect operations of the trial courts in Washington State, to include Order No. 25700-B-642 issued on September 10, 2020, *Extending Excluded Period in Calculating Time for Trial and Adopting Related Emergency Measures*; and,


WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has granted emergency authority to this Court 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.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the Superior Court's authority to administer justice in the Tri-County Judicial District and to ensure the safety of litigants, attorneys, court staff, judges, and members of the public, the Superior Court FINDS it is necessary to suspend the conduct of jury trials until November 2, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

**All jury trials**, including civil, adult criminal, and civil commitment, **are suspended until November 2, 2020**. The Court Administrator shall remove from the calendar all jury trial terms scheduled to occur prior to November 2, 2020. The Superior Court Clerks shall strike all cases set on for jury trial prior to November 2, 2020.

DATED this 24th day of September, 2020.

  
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Jessica T. Reeves, Presiding Judge