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2 **SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON**
3 **COUNTY OF WHITMAN**

4 IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY
5 WHITMAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO
6 THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN
7 WASHINGTON STATE

No.

8 **WHITMAN COUNTY**
9 **SUPERIOR COURT**
10 **COURTROOM SAFETY**
11 **ORDER**

12 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington has declared
13 a state of emergency in all counties of Washington due to the public
14 health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
15 and

16 WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, the Washington State Supreme
17 Court adopted Order 257-B-618, suspending all civil and criminal jury
18 trials until after July 6, 2020, in addition to granting emergency
19 authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and
20 orders and to take further actions concerning court operations, as
21 warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

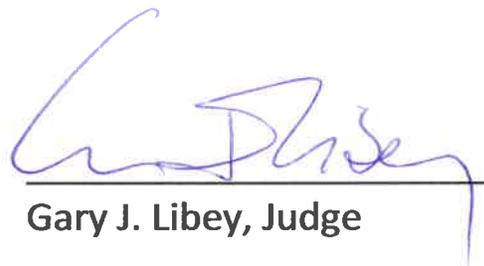
22 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, April 2, 2020 and again on May 1,
23 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington added additional
24 restrictions on the citizens of the State of Washington due to the
25 declared state of emergency concerning the coronavirus Disease 2019
26 (COVID-19) with his Proclamations; and

27 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington issued an
28 Order requiring masks in all businesses and buildings in the State of
29 Washington;
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED WITH RESPECT TO ALL
2 COURT PROCEEDINGS:

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- 4 1. Any person who is sick or in quarantine shall not enter the
5 Courtroom;
 - 6 2. Staff and visitors are expected to practice good hygiene by
7 washing hands frequently or by using hand sanitizer when hand
8 washing is not practicable;
 - 9 3. Frequently touched surfaces will be routinely cleaned with
10 disinfectant;
 - 11 4. Social distancing measures will be enforced to the greatest
12 extent practicable in the Courtroom. Courtroom and court
13 administration areas have been equipped with social distancing
14 markers to illustrate appropriate distancing. The Courtroom
15 will have a limited capacity due to social distancing.
 - 16 5. All persons entering the Superior Court Courtroom shall wear a
17 mask which covers their nose and mouth. The Court may direct
18 the removal of masks worn by active participants to facilitate
19 clear communication and due process. "Active participant"
20 includes those seated at counsel tables, witnesses, Judge and
21 court staff;
 - 22 6. Whitman County Superior Court may adopt further restrictions
23 as necessary to respond to the current state of emergency in
24 order to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 and will do so by
25 further court order.

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28 Dated June 25, 2020


Gary J. Libey, Judge

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4 IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY
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8 **No.**
9 **FIRST AMENDED**
10 **WHITMAN COUNTY**
11 **SUPERIOR COURT**
12 **COURTROOM SAFETY**
13 **ORDER RE: JURY TRIALS**

14 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington has declared
15 a state of emergency in all counties of Washington due to the public
16 health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
17 and

18 WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, the Washington State Supreme
19 Court adopted Order 257-B-618, suspending all civil and criminal jury
20 trials until after July 6, 2020, in addition to granting emergency
21 authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and
22 orders and to take further actions concerning court operations, as
23 warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

24 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, April 2, 2020 and again on May 1,
25 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington added additional
26 restrictions on the citizens of the State of Washington due to the
27 declared state of emergency concerning the coronavirus Disease 2019
(COVID-19) with his Proclamations; and

28 WHEREAS on June 18, 2020, the Supreme Court issued the Order
29 Re: Modification of Jury Trial Proceedings;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED WITH RESPECT TO JURY
2 TRIALS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- 3 1. Any person who is sick or in quarantine shall not enter the
4 Courtroom;
- 5 2. Staff and visitors are expected to practice good hygiene by
6 washing hands frequently or by using hand sanitizer when hand
7 washing is not practicable;
- 8 3. Frequently touched surfaces will be routinely cleaned with
9 disinfectant;
- 10 4. Social distancing measures will be enforced to the greatest
11 extent practicable in the Courtroom. Courtroom and court
12 administration areas have been equipped with social distancing
13 markers to illustrate appropriate distancing. The Courtroom
14 will have a limited capacity due to social distancing.
- 15 5. A temperature check on each person will be performed before
16 he/she enters the courtroom. If the temperature of any person
17 is over 100.4, that person will be retested in 10 minutes, and if
18 his/her temperature is still 100.4 or above, then that person
19 will be excused;
- 20 6. All persons entering the Superior Court Courtroom shall wear a
21 mask which covers their nose and mouth. The Court may direct
22 the removal of masks worn by active participants to facilitate
23 clear communication and due process. "Active participant"
24 includes those seated at counsel tables, witnesses, Judge and
25 court staff;
- 26 7. Whitman County Superior Court may adopt further restrictions
27 as necessary to respond to the current state of emergency in
28 order to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 and will do so by
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