SCLCRLJ 65.
NAME CHANGES

(a) Separate Petitions Required. A separate petition shall be filed for each name a party wishes changed.

(b) Petitioner must produce some form of identification, preferably picture ID, to the clerk for verification and copying.

(c) Hearing. All hearings on petitions for name changes shall be in open court and on the record.

(d) Minors.

(1) Birth Certificate. A certified copy of any minor applicant's birth certificate or suitable identification must be presented to the clerk for verification and copying.

(2) Parental Consent. All applicants under eighteen (18) years of age must be represented by a parent or legal guardian and both biological or legal parents or guardians must approve the change of name either by personal appearance or by verified affidavit, unless good cause is shown.

(3) Parental Notification. A parent or guardian who has not consented in writing to a minor's change of name and whose parental rights have not been previously terminated must be given actual notice or notice by publication as provided in CRLJ 4.

(4) Notice by Publication. Publication of a single notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the parent or guardian's last known residence shall be sufficient so long as the notice contains a hearing date, the name of the minor, the name the petitioner desires the child to assume, and sets forth the reasons for requesting the change of name.

(e) Contents of Petition. A petition for change of name must be sworn under oath and state the following:

(1) The Petitioner's full present name and the full name the petitioner wishes to assume;

(2) The Petitioner's date of birth;

(3) That the Petitioner resides in Stevens County;

(4) The reason for the request;

(5) The application is not made for any illegal or fraudulent purposes;

(6) The name change will not be detrimental to the interests of any other person or agency;

(7) The name of the minor's father and mother, if brought on behalf of a minor;

(8) Whether the Petitioner is subject to the jurisdiction of the Washington State Department of Corrections and, if so, that Petitioner has provided a copy of the Petition to the Department at least five (5) days before any hearing on the name change request;

(9) Whether the Petitioner is subject to the sex offender registration laws of the state of Washington and, if so, that Petitioner has provided copies of the Petition to the county sheriff and the Washington State Patrol at least five (5) days before any hearing on the name change request.