LCR 94(a)
FAMILY COURT HEARINGS AND MOTIONS

(1) When a hearing is set in a matter involving RCW Chapter 26, either by an Order to Show Cause or Notice of Issue, the moving party's motions, orders and accompanying documents shall be served by noon on the ninth day before the hearing (normally Wednesday), unless a shorter time is ordered or agreed to by opposing counsel. Responses shall be served by noon on the second day before the hearing (normally Wednesday). Reply affidavits or declarations strictly limited to matters in the response shall be served by noon on the day prior to the hearing. When a motion is supported by affidavit or other documents, the affidavit or other documents shall be served with the motion.

(2) Limitations on Declarations.

(a) Application. This section (2) does not apply to domestic violence petitions or domestic violence motions.

(b) Children's statements. Declarations by minors are disfavored.

(c) Page limits.

[i] Generally. Absent prior authorization from the court, the entirety of all declarations and affidavits from the parties and any non-expert witnesses in support of motions (except financial declarations), including any reply, shall be limited to a sum total of twenty-five (25) pages. The entirety of all declarations and affidavits submitted in response to motions shall be limited to a sum total of twenty (20) pages. If a counter-motion is included in the response, then the limit is (25) pages total.

[ii] Exhibits. Exhibits that consist of declarations or affidavits of parties or witnesses shall count towards the above page limit. All other exhibits attached to a declaration or affidavit shall not be counted toward the page limit.

[iii] Financial Declarations. Financial Declarations and financial documents do not count toward the page limit.

[iv] Expert Reports and Evaluations. Declarations, affidavits, and reports from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Guardians-ad-litem (GAL) and court appointed expert witnesses do not count toward the page limit.

[v] Miscellaneous Exceptions. Copies of declarations or affidavits previously filed for a motion already ruled upon and supplied only as a convenience to the court do not count toward the page limit. Deposition excerpts shall not count toward the page limit.

(3) When temporary support, maintenance, attorney fees or costs are at issue, each party shall file and serve with their pleadings a Financial Declaration. (Washington Pattern Form DR01.0550).

(4) Each party shall submit a bench copy of their motion or response and accompanying documents at the time the originals are filed.

(5) Temporary family law issues will normally be determined by affidavits or declaration alone. Oral testimony may be permitted in limited circumstances at the Court's discretion.

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