GR 13 USE OF UNSWORN STATEMENT IN LIEU OF AFFIDAVIT

(a) Unsworn Statement Permitted. Except as provided in section (b) whenever a matter is required or permitted to be supported or proved by affidavit, the matter may be supported or proved by an unsworn written statement, declaration, verification, or certificate executed by affixing or placing their signature in accordance with GR 30.

The unsworn statement must state (1) that it is certified or declared by the person to be true under penalty of perjury, (2) the date and place of its execution, and (3) that it is so certified or declared under the laws of the state of Washington.

The certification or declaration may be in substantially the following form:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct:

(Date and Place)

(Signature)

(b) Exceptions. This rule does not apply to writings requiring an acknowledgment, oaths of office, or oaths required to be taken before a special official other than a notary public.

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