

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In most cases, "X" marks the spot where you would go to seek an answer to the question indicated. Multiple "X's" for the same question indicate the location depends on your specific case/jurisdiction. The County Clerk and Superior Court are separate offices in 37 of the 39 counties. In King and Clallam Counties, the Clerk is part of the Superior Court.

QUESTIONS / WHERE DO I GO?	COUNTY CLERK	SUPERIOR COURT	DISTRICT COURT	MUNICIPAL COURT	PROSECUTOR	COUNTY SHERIFF	CITY POLICE	JAIL	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	DOL	COUNTY AUDITOR	COUNTY ASSESSOR	COUNTY TREASURER
GENERAL QUESTIONS													
Where can I report a crime?					X	X							
How do I become an interpreter?	direct to website, http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_interpret/												
Where can I get a list of certified and registered interpreters?	direct to website, http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/pos_interpret/												
How do I schedule an interpreter?	X	X	X										
Where can I get a list of approved County Arbitrators?	X												
Where do I get the list of approved Guardians Ad Litem (GAL) or how can I be added to the registries?	X												
How do I become certified professional guardian?	direct to website, http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/guardian/												
Where do I get a list of certified professional guardians?	direct to website, http://www.courts.wa.gov/programs_orgs/guardian/												
How can I get a list of approved County Mediators?	X												
What level of court handles misdemeanor criminal offenses?			X	X									
Where do I get a passport?	Information on how and where to get a passport can be found at http://travel.state.gov/												
Who do I talk to about Sector?	Transfer caller to Michelle Pardee, 5233												
Where can I register to vote?	County Auditor or online at http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections										X		
I NEED AN ATTORNEY/HELP													
I don't have an attorney and cannot afford one. I might go to Jail. Who can I call?	X	X	X	X									
How do I find an attorney?	Contact your local bar association or go to www.wsba.org .												
How do I find an attorney--I cannot afford one?	Contact NW Justice Project/CLEAR @ 1-888-201-1014												
Where can I get general legal information?	www.WashingtonLawHelp.org OR www.lawforwa.org												
FORMS													
Where do I buy forms?	X		X	X									
Where can I obtain legal forms on-line?	www.courts.wa.gov/forms												
JURY DUTY													
How do I get excused from jury duty?	X	X	X	X									
How do I change the date of my jury duty?	X	X	X	X									
DRIVING/TRAFFIC													
Where can I file or get a copy of an accident report?					X	X							
Where do I get a copy of a police report?					X	X							

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How do I get an officer to appear in court?	X	X	X	X									
Where do I get a copy of my driver's abstract?									X				
Where do I pay traffic, non-traffic and parking tickets?			X	X									
Will parking tickets go on my driving record?			X	X									
Where do I ask for a mitigation or contested hearing?			X	X									
How do I get a placard and/or handicapped license plates?									X				
Where do I get my car tabs renewed?									X	X			
I OWE FINES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS													
How do I make payments for court imposed obligations I owe?	X		X	X	X								
IN CUSTODY													
Where can I find out if someone was picked up?							X						
Where do I find out if someone is in jail?							X						
Where do I go to post bond/bail?	X												
RESTORE RIGHTS													
How do I get my voting rights back?	X												
How do I get my gun rights back?	X												
FINDING/RESPONDING TO LAWSUITS													
How/where do I file a civil lawsuit over \$75,000?	X	X											
How/where do I file a civil lawsuit under \$75,000?	X	X	X										
Where do I file a small claims (\$5,000 and under) action?			X										
LIENS/CERTIFICATES/RECORDINGS													
Where do I get a copy of lien filed against me?										X			
Where do I get a copy of a birth/death certificate?								X					
Where do I find information/documents regarding real property?										X	X	X	
Where do I find copies of Powers of Attorney?										X			
Where do I find a copy of a will?	Wills are not usually filed until after a death when they may or may not be filed as part of a probate.												
NO CONTACT/RESTRAINING ORDERS													
See the comparison chart located at http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.contribute&formID=16 (www.courts.wa.gov, click on Domestic Violence, then under Helpful Information, click on Legal Protection from Domestic violence, Harassment or Abuse)													

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