

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE USE OF
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

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INTERIM ORDER
PERMITTING THE
CONTINUED USE OF
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

No. 25700-B-743

WHEREAS, the Court entered a General Order 25700-B-742 on October 23, 2025, rescinding all remaining provisions of COVID-19 emergency orders previously entered by this Court.

WHEREAS, the Court is considering proposed amendments to GR 30 regarding electronic signatures and has published these amendments for public comment.

WHEREAS, the continued use of electronic signatures is necessary to permit the efficient and orderly administration of Justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Supreme Court's authority to administer justice and ensure the effective operations of the Courts of Washington State,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Notwithstanding any provision of GR 30 to the contrary, an electronic signature shall be deemed a reliable means for authentication of documents and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature to a paper copy of the document so signed. For purposes of this Order,

“electronic signature” means a digital signature as described in Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-596 (July 16, 2019) and RCW 9A.72.085(5) (repealed); an electronic image of the handwritten signature of an individual; or other electronic sound, symbol, or process, attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record, including but not limited to “/s/ [name of signatory].”

This order will remain in place until further order of the Court.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 23rd day of October, 2025

For the Court


CHIEF JUSTICE