



## **King County**

**District Court**

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September 30, 2020

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Re: Comments on July 2020 proposed amendments to GR 30, *Electronic Filing and Service*

Dear Clerk:

King County District Court supports the efforts of the Board for Judicial Administration Legislative Committee, et al, to update GR 30, *Electronic Filing and Service*, to reflect changes in technology and legislation. We request, however, in the proposed amendments, replacing the definition for "digital signatures" with a definition for "electronic signatures." The comments submitted by Lisa Benedetti on August 11, 2020, explain this distinction in greater detail.

This request is not a matter of semantics, but is meant to provide courts throughout Washington with greater flexibility to accept a range of appropriate technologies for implementing electronic signatures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Susan Mahoney  
Chief Presiding Judge  
King County District Court

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Good afternoon,

Please find the attached letter from King County District Court Presiding Judge Mahoney.

Thank you,

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