

From: [OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, CLERK](#)
To: [Linford, Tera](#)
Subject: FW: GR 9 Cover Sheet for amendment to CR 39- COMMENT
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:17:53 PM

From: whitney@mccullygardner.com [mailto:whitney@mccullygardner.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:08 PM
To: OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, CLERK <SUPREME@COURTS.WA.GOV>
Subject: GR 9 Cover Sheet for amendment to CR 39- COMMENT

External Email Warning! This email has originated from outside of the Washington State Courts Network. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, are expecting the email, and know the content is safe. If a link sends you to a website where you are asked to validate using your Account and Password, **DO NOT DO SO!** Instead, report the incident.

The current ability for attorneys and clients to appear remotely has increased the access to justice to clients, and allowed more financially fragile clients to receive counsel at a higher rate, since attorneys are no longer spending hours in court waiting for a hearing. Additionally it has allowed attorneys to appear in their clients cases at a higher frequency, and avoids coverage counsel. Our clients are better served with representation by the same attorney who understands the history of the case. Attorneys are no longer having to run from Snohomish to King, to Pierce in one day. The new rule allows for Judges/ parties to determine which cases are appropriate for remote hearings and which cases need to appear in person. If Covid has taught us anything, we have learned to think outside the box, and how to increase our clients ability to appear, how to minimize footprints at the courthouse, and how to become more efficient in our filings and motions practices.

Whitney Gardner
WSBA 36455

Whitney Gardner
1275 12th Ave NW, Suite 5
Issaquah, WA 98027
NEW ADDRESS AS OF AUGUST 1, 2020
2700 Richards RD, Suite 202
Bellevue, WA 98005
425-657-0794 | 425-528-2482
Fax 425-677-7043

This e-mail message is authorized for use by the intended recipient only and may contain information that is privileged and confidential. If you received this message in error, please call us immediately at (425) 657-0794 and ask to speak to the message sender. Please do not copy, disseminate, or retain this message unless you are the intended recipient. In addition, to ensure the security of your data, please do not send any unencrypted credit card or personally identifiable information to this email address. Thank you.