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Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE SUGGESTED NEW RULES CrR 4.11 -NOTICE OF COURT DATES TO DEFENDANT AND CrRLJ 4.11—NOTICE OF COURT DATES TO DEFENDANT, Order No. NO. 25700-A1421

I would join in Judge Murphy Richards, Judge Giner, and Ms. Woodrow's comment that if there is going to be a new rule 4.11 that it MUST include the ability to electronically give notice to defendants in criminal cases. It would be extremely short-sighted to promulgate a rule about notice of court dates that does not include a provision that notice can be sent electronically.

King County District Court has also made strides in ensuring that defendants are provided notice of their court dates electronically, both by email and text message. Our system has the ability to email documents and to send text message reminders of court dates to defendants. We hear from many of our defendants that they appreciate the electronic communications that come from us.

So many of our defendants either don't have fixed addresses or move so often that notices are frequently mis-delivered, if they are delivered at all. But one relative constant that remains for them is their access to electronic devices. They will likely always have access to their email, and when they have a phone, they will have it with them more often than they have access to their mail.

Any court rule about providing notice to criminal defendant MUST have the ability to provide that notice electronically, and quite frankly, should be the default method to provide notice.

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