

Snohomish County Superior Court  
Emergency Local Court Rule Effective  
February 14, 2024

VI. TRIALS (RULES 38-53.2)

RULE 40. ASSIGNMENT OF CASES; SETTING OF TRIALS-  
FILING OF PLEADINGS-TIME OF TRIALS-CONTINUANCES-  
SETTLEMENT

**(h) Reporting for Trial.** All parties and counsel shall report to the Presiding Department at 9:00 a.m. on the date set for trial for assignment to a trial department unless otherwise notified by the Court Administrator. If no trial department is available for trial at such time, the Presiding Judge shall hold or excuse the parties for such time as circumstances dictate.

Parties and counsel shall appear in person unless:

- (1) the hearing is for a Sexual Assault, Extreme Risk, or Vulnerable Adult Protection Order; or
- (2) the hearing is a motion to revise a civil commitment or civil protection order signed by a Commissioner; or
- (3) the Court has approved a stipulation for remote trial or ordered that a trial occur remotely, or previously approved the remote appearance of the party or counsel at the Civil Trial Calendar or at trial.

If any of (1) through (3) apply, the parties may appear remotely in a manner set forth by the Court in an Administrative Order or on the Court website.

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