

March 16, 2020

Greetings,

Many thanks to all of you who have reached out with questions, concerns and comments. Here is the latest:

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Please know that you can sign up on the Kitsap County Health Department website to receive alerts and bulletins.

The Kitsap County Health Department website is: <https://kitsapublichealth.org/>.

The Center for Disease Control website is: <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

Governor Inslee's website is: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/>.

The Kitsap County Superior Court website is: <https://www.kitsapgov.com/sc/>.

COMMUNICATION

In order to promote efficient dissemination of information, I will be issuing communications through the following outlets:

- **The Kitsap County Superior Court website at <https://www.kitsapgov.com/sc/>;**
- **The Kitsap Bar Listserv via Paul Fjelstad;**
- **Criminal Law Section Team Captains: Chad Enright & Steve Lewis;**
- **Family Law Section Team Captains: Holly Banks & Lynn Fleischbein;**
- **Civil Law Section Team Captain: Phil Havers;**
- **Guardianship and Probate Section Team Captain: Carol Rainey.**

Please make sure that you provide your email address to the Team Captains of your practice area. They should be your direct point of contact with questions and concerns.

Commissioner Clucas has set up a method of communication as it relates to those involved in dependencies. I will be signing an order shortly regarding how dependency matters will proceed in the immediate future.

MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled to take place at the Kitsap County Courthouse this week:

Superior Court Criminal Practice and Procedure. Noon on Tuesday, March 17th in Room 212.

Superior Court Family Law Practice and Procedure. Noon on Wednesday, March 18th in Room 212.

Superior Court Civil / Guardianship Practice and Procedure. Noon on Thursday, March 19th in Room 212.

The focus will be to answer questions and to discuss any procedural and emergency rule changes that we may want to implement as it relates to your specific area of practice. Please bring drafts of any proposals you may have. The Bench is receptive to all ideas and suggestions.

Jessica Robison is diligently working with Information Services on setting up a “Zoom” application to allow participation remotely. More to follow on that as soon as possible.

NOTES

- As a matter of access to justice, the Bench is not requiring the use of Court Call. We are asking that you communicate to the other side about whether you will be appearing in-person. Please make sure that Jennifer Kluver (Jkluver@co.kitsap.wa.us) has a good phone number to reach you so we can contact you from court. Please also recognize that while you may have a matter scheduled for 9:00 a.m., you may not receive a call until later in the morning as we work through the calendar.
- We are accepting agreed orders, probate petitions, formal proof and the like by email. Please make sure whomever needs to have notice of your submissions is in fact aware of what you intend to do. Please make sure you attach all necessary orders. Again, you should email your submissions to Jennifer Kluver (Jkluver@co.kitsap.wa.us). We are requiring compliance with the local rule regarding ex parte:

KCLCR 77(k)(10)(C)(ii): “Unless notice is specifically excluded by statute, no ex parte order shall be presented without notice to opposing counsel or opposing party if appearing without counsel.”

As you are all aware, things are moving rapidly. As Judge Jahns pointed out to me yesterday during our conversations, what we decide at the moment may be irrelevant four hours from now. Many thanks for your patience and courtesies...I sincerely meant it.

Yours, Kevin

Kevin Hull, Presiding Judge
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Department 6

