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Good afternoon,

The latest...

HOW IS THE AFFECTED MEMBER OF KITSAP COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DOING?

Great question! And I have a great answer! This individual is NOT in critical condition. They are feeling better every day and on the mend. Some minor symptoms still exist but otherwise things are well. It has been indicated to me that they will be available to return to the office 72 hours after they are symptom-free.

KITSAP COUNTY DISTRICT COURT & COLLABORATION

When I spoke with Judge Jahns about covering the Superior Court arraignment calendar over the next few days, he was more than receptive. This is no surprise. I have come to find out this afternoon that he, along with Judge Bradley, his staff and others from his office have collaborated with prosecutors and the defense bar to get much more than arraignments accomplished today. On behalf of my benchmates, we are beyond grateful.

I've also received a report from Commissioner Clucas who handled some matters out at juvenile court telephonically. Again, major collaboration between the Juvenile Department, Superior Court Clerk's Office and attorneys. Commissioner Clucas has likewise been engaged with the relevant parties regarding our hearings at Kitsap Mental Health. He's working to ensure we can handle those cases in a timely manner. Commissioner Clucas was awarded the Bryan Inn of Court Professionalism Award this year. Simply more evidence that was well-deserved.

WHAT ABOUT MY CASE?

The bottom line is this...we will get to your case. It will be heard. It just may not be next week or next month. Please continue to reach out to the other side to discuss options. As the Civil, Guardianship and Family Law groups continue to discuss their proposed changes to our SOP, remember that the bench will always exercise appropriate discretion in terms of prioritizing trials. This is not a new concept and has always been part of the job.

THE JUDGE'S ROLE IN A PANDEMIC

I am working from home and have signed up for a webinar tomorrow sponsored by the National Judicial College entitled "The Judge's Role in a Pandemic". I hope to gain some insight and important information about what we can be doing better.

Yours, Kevin

Kevin Hull

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