

March 19, 2020

Greetings,

Please make sure you read the announcement from Kitsap County Superior Court issued earlier today regarding scheduling emergency civil and family law matters. The plan is based on input from members of Superior Court and members of the Bar. There will always be good questions and as we proceed we may have to make some adjustments.

Be kind and think of Jennifer Kluver and all she has to coordinate. In other words, please don't shoot her an email tomorrow with the subject line: "Is my jury trial in August still on?!?!" I won't speak for Jennifer but that may be immediately deleted.

The Family Law, Civil and Guardianship/Probate Team Captains are working diligently to provide additional recommendations to the Court that I hope to adopt and disseminate in the near future.

I do want to recognize one individual in particular, Kara Barnes of the Kitsap County Superior Court Clerk's Office. Kara has been extremely proactive in coordinating scheduling issues. I have no doubt there are others in Allison's office that are also working hard to try and help us. I genuinely appreciate it.

Finally, while I was working from home today I did have the opportunity to listen to a two-hour webcast entitled "The Judge's Role in a Pandemic". Close to 1,000 judges from across the country participated. I can say that I believe the recommendations and input I have received from you are consistent with what many other jurisdictions are doing nation-wide. In fact, in many respects I think we are ahead of the curve. I was reminded immediately of Judge Jahns when a question was asked about what to do if a symptomatic sovereign citizen refuses a COVID-19 test. Judge Jahns?

Yours, Kevin

Kevin Hull
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