

March 17, 2020

Greetings,

CRIMINAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Criminal Practice and Procedure meeting today. Please continue to reach out to the Criminal Law Section Team Captains Chad Enright and Steve Lewis with questions and comments. They will be disseminating information about changes to our warrant quashing procedures based on our conversation following the meeting.

While telephonic appearances are not typical, especially in the realm of criminal law, we will proceed with our plan to make that happen. These are not typical times. If, as counsel, you will not be appearing in-person, **make sure to email to Jennifer Kluver (Jkluver@co.kitsap.wa.us) your contact phone number, case number, defendant's name and date and time of the hearing.**

As indicated at our meeting, WACDL and WAPA have communicated with Chief Justice Stephens regarding proposed state-wide changes to rules and procedures regarding criminal matters. As of this writing I am not aware that she has signed an order in this regard. Stay tuned.

FROM JUVENILE COURT

Pursuant to Kitsap County Superior Emergency Administrative Order No. 2020-1, Juvenile and Family Court Services is adopting the following policies:

1. Continuing first response Truancy hearings until April 24 or until the governor reopens schools.
2. Proceed with ARY/CHINS petitions and hearings given the history of low numbers and the need for resources of parents for youth who are beyond their control.
3. Juvenile warrants for FTA will be requested on a case by case basis. Whereabouts unknown will continue to be requested by Court Service Officers. Other requests for warrants will be on a case by case basis with supervisor approval.
4. Probation Violations for whereabouts unknown will be placed on the next available calendar (in-custody).
5. Probation violations requiring a motion to be filed for violation of probation conditions shall be set for hearing in May 2020.
6. Treatment courts shall continue but only include youth in violation of conditions and the potential for possible sanctions.
7. For general arraignment calendars currently set for the end of March and beginning of April, we will consult with the prosecutor for a possible continuance.

COURTROOM MANAGEMENT

Please see that attached Emergency Administrative Order No. 2020-3 regarding courtroom management signed today. This Order clearly spells out the authority of the court ensure social

distancing is occurring in our courtrooms. You and / or your clients may be asked to step outside the courtroom and practice social-distancing in the hallways until we call your case.

FAMILY LAW PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE MEETING

We are still on for our Family Law meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) at 12:00 pm in Courtroom 212. Please bring your ideas and proposed rule changes. If you would like to participate remotely via “Zoom” please see the following instructions. Participants can join either by phone or video conference via Zoom:

1. Click: <https://zoom.us/j/4539073670>
2. Call In for Audio Only: (253) 215-8782 / Meeting ID: 453 907 3670

Zoom Help: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>.

There is also an app that you can download for use on your phone.

NOTES

Please continue to reach out to your practice area Team Captains with your questions and concerns:

- 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.

Kitsap County Superior Court will continue to do all we can to meet your needs. Answers are not always immediately available. Please continue exercising patience. I appreciate all of the help my office has received from the Kitsap Bar Association membership.

Yours, Kevin

Kevin Hull, Judge
Kitsap County Superior Court
Department 6

