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SUPERIOR COURT OF WA.
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF MASON**

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE) SECOND AMENDED
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH)
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
)
) RE: CIVIL, DOMESTIC,
) PROBATE, AND
) GUARDIANSHIP MATTERS
)
NO. 22-2-00002-23

THIS MATTER has come before the Court Sua Sponte, the Court finds as follows:

The Supreme Court of Washington has issued emergency orders regarding Superior Court operations in response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The orders have found that the serious danger posed by COVID-19 is good cause to grant ongoing emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

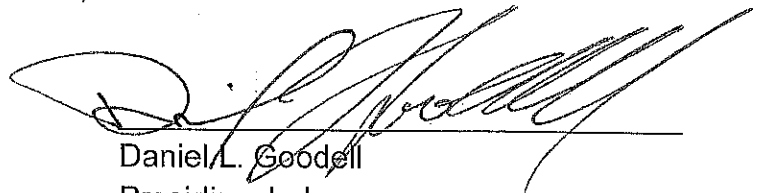
The Court entered an Administrative Order Re: Civil, Domestic, Probate, and Guardianship Matters on February 3, 2022. The Order was based, in part, upon concerns expressed by the Mason County Director of Community Services regarding the recent increase of the COVID-19 virus in the community and his recommendation that in-person hearings should be suspended at that time. The Court has remained in contact with the Mason County Director of Community Services who has signified a reduction of the COVID-19 virus in the community and no longer recommends a suspension of in-person hearings.

Based upon the above and adopting the further findings as set forth in the above-described Supreme Court orders, the Mason County Superior Court is taking the following actions and entering the following Orders:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Amendment to the Administrative Civil, Domestic, Probate, and Guardianship Matters Order of February 3, 2022.** The Mason County Superior Court Administrative Order Re: Civil, Domestic, Probate, and Guardianship Matters, entered on February 3, 2022, is amended and restated as set forth below:
2. **Civil, Domestic, Probate and Guardianship Hearings.** The Court will continue to offer virtual hearings by Zoom or other platform. The parties may appear virtually or in person at their discretion unless required to appear in person by the court or the hearing itself requires an in-person appearance as described in this order.
3. **Trials.** All Civil, Probate and Guardianship jury trials will be held in person. All Civil, Domestic, Probate and Guardianship bench trials shall be held in person. Bench trials may be held virtually, upon prior approval of the Court. The virtual trials will occur on the "Zoom" conferencing or other Court approved platform.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2022.



Daniel L. Goodell
Presiding Judge