

# Superior Court

## Notice to the Bar & Public

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**ATTENTION Law Office Personnel:** Please ensure that ALL staff, attorneys and non-attorneys are aware of the contents of this notice.

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### **Filing of Death Certificates**

Death certificates are routinely filed in probate matters. Washington and other state death certificates contain the decedent's Social Security Number. Under GR 31 Social Security Number are deemed personal identifiers and are not to be included in court records.

Heretofore it has been the policy of the Whatcom County Superior Court to require that only original death certificates be filed. Henceforward attorneys/parties are advised to file a copy of the death certificate with the Social Security Number redacted. For a Washington death certificate it is only necessary to file a copy of the front page of the death certificate.

### **Commissioner Week Calendars**

On the reverse is a new commissioner weekly calendar, effective immediately. The only change is that CHINS matters will be heard Wednesday mornings, instead of the afternoon.

### **Ink for Signing Pleadings**

All are requested to be sure that ink used to sign pleadings is **DARK**, either black or blue. Some are finding that the kind of paper with a certain finish will render normally dark blue ink too faint to be captured by our imaging system.