

## WCSPR 94.05

### Domestic Relations Show Cause Hearings and Motions

(a) **Motion Calendar Procedures:** Motions to be noted on the Motion Calendar, including Motions for Show Cause, shall be filed with the court by noon nine (9) court days prior to the hearing. Motions shall be filed and served upon all parties nine (9) court days before hearing. A proposed form of an order, which the Court may adopt, modify or reject consistent with the Decision of the Court, shall be served with the motion. Responses shall be filed and served on all parties by noon four (4) court days before hearing. Replies shall be filed and served on all parties no later than noon two (2) days prior to the hearing. The moving party's affidavits shall be served with the motion; the responding party's affidavits shall be served with the response. All motions shall be in compliance with WCCR 10.3.

(b) **Confirmation.** A matter noted on the Domestic Relations Calendar must be confirmed with the Calendar Clerk no sooner than five judicial days prior to the hearing and no later than Noon two judicial days prior to the hearing. Confirmations may be made by email or telephonically, as indicated on the court's web page at [www.whatcomcounty.us/superior](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/superior). Otherwise, the matter will be stricken from the docket.

(c) **Financial affidavits.** When temporary support, maintenance, attorney fees, or costs are at issue, both parties shall file and serve with their pleadings a Financial Declaration (Washington Pattern Form DR 01.0550).

(d) **Bench copies.** Parties shall provide bench copies of pleadings in all cases consistent with WCCR 77.2(d)(5).

(e) **Testimony limited.** Domestic issues will normally be determined by affidavits alone. Where temporary custody is in dispute the court may set a time for taking oral testimony. Oral testimony may be permitted whenever the court feels that unusual circumstances make it necessary or the other party appears in court without counsel.

(f) Counsel may request telephonic appearance at a hearing, at the discretion of the assigned judge, by contacting the Clerk's Office.

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