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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR THE COUNTY OF WHATCOM

)	Admin File No.
)	20-2-00001-37
IN THE MATTER OF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC)	
HEALTH RISK DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC)	SIXTEENTH
HEALTH EMERGENCY)	ADMINISTRATIVE
)	ORDER
)	November 16, 2020

WHEREAS the state of emergency declared by the Governor of this State, resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic and described in this Court's previous Administrative orders, continues; and

WHEREAS the incidence of COVID-19 cases has increased substantially in Whatcom County and in Washington State over the past three weeks; and

WHEREAS the Governor's proclamation of November 15, 2020, recognizes the increase in COVID-19 incidence and associated increased risk to the population, and substantially increases previous limitations on gatherings of people in various contexts; and

WHEREAS this Court's physical facilities are indoors and limited in size; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Supreme Court, pursuant to its Orders of September and October (No. 25700-B-642, September 10, 2020, and No. 25700-B-647, October 14, 2020), has mandated that courts conduct trials in a manner

consistent with applicable state and local public health requirements related to COVID-19 ;

THIS COURT HEREBY ORDERS:

The Court will discontinue hearing jury trials until December 28, 2020 or until further order of the Court.

The Court will continue hearing bench trials as scheduled. Parties to bench trials are encouraged to utilize remote means of appearance, including Zoom technology and telephone connections, as much as possible.

THIS ORDER updates and supersedes the Court's prior Administrative Orders concerning jury trials. The Court's prior Administrative Orders remain in effect to the extent they are not inconsistent with this Order. This order and all previous administrative orders issued by this court since March 11, 2020, may be deemed part of the record in affected cases for purposes of appeal without the need to file the orders in each case.

DATED this 16th day of November 2020.



DEBORRA GARRETT, Presiding Judge