

# Superior Court

*Notice to the Bar and Public*

June 4, 2020

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

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## **REMOTE APPEARANCE IN SUPERIOR COURT**

Pursuant to the Superior Court's 9<sup>th</sup> Administrative Order :

The Court will make video conferencing available for all preliminary appearances and arraignments and will publish the link on the calendar distributed prior to court. If a defendant wishes to appear via video, defendant or their counsel must email that request to [SCCrRemote@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:SCCrRemote@co.whatcom.wa.us) by noon the day before the scheduled hearing. All participants must comply with the requirements of CrR 3.4 (d). In order to reduce the number of people in the courtroom, attorneys and others are also strongly encouraged to participate or observe, if feasible, by video conferencing, using the link published on the calendar.

## **ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL DEFENSE CONFLICT COUNSEL SOUGHT**

Due to the delay in processing of criminal cases due to the COVID 19 crisis, a large number of cases are being processed through the Superior Court. In addition, as the economic impact of this crisis unfolds, we anticipate a larger number of defendants qualifying for public defense. To address this issue, and keep defense attorneys providing public defense within caseload standards, Superior Court is seeking to increase the pool of qualified attorneys to serve as conflict counsel.

Counsel who are interested in taking conflict cases to assist in this crisis should contact Superior Court Director David Reynolds at [dreynold@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:dreynold@co.whatcom.wa.us).