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CLERK'S ALERT

SEA / KNT Case Designation Process Change

Effective mid November, SEA and KNT designated civil (case type 2) cases will be assigned to all judges carrying a civil caseload regardless of their physical location. This change creates a balanced caseload for each judge based on the percentage of SEA and KNT cases filed. This internal change will provide better workload equity for the judges.

Currently civil hearings and trials are remote, so the impact is minimal. This change does not affect the commissioners or the Ex Parte department. Parties should continue to file their Ex Parte matters according to the SEA and KNT designation. In the future, parties will need to pay attention to where a judge is physically located because the SEA and KNT case designation will no longer provide that indicator.



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