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# CLERK'S ALERT

## SEA / KNT Case Designation Process Change for Family Law

Effective February 1, 2022, all newly filed family law cases that require a case schedule, and assignment of a Unified Family Court (UFC) judge, will be assigned a judge without regard to the SEA or KNT designation. For example, cases designated as a KNT case at the time of filing may be assigned a judge who is assigned to the Seattle UFC department and vice versa. This change will create a balanced caseload for all UFC judges.

This change does **not** affect Family Law commissioner calendars or the Ex Parte department. Parties must continue to schedule their Family Law and Ex Parte hearings in the designated (KNT or SEA) location. Hearings improperly scheduled in the wrong location will be stricken.



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