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CLERK'S ALERT

Notice Regarding Changes to Procedures for Final Civil Protection Order Hearings

King County Superior Court announces changes to procedures for Civil Protection Orders heard in the Family Law and Ex Parte Departments.

Hearings on final civil protection orders, except vulnerable adult protection orders, are heard on the Civil Protection Order calendar. Working papers are not required and will not be accepted.

Hearings on final vulnerable adult protection orders shall continue to be heard in Ex Parte on the Guardianship/Probate calendar. Working papers, including proposed orders, are required.

On March 30, 2023, the Court adopted emergency changes to LCR 40.1 to address this shift in case management. These adopted rule changes can be found on our website and will be reviewable for public comment during the next King County Superior Court Rules Committee cycle.

Information on appearing in Family Law is available here:

<https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family/virtual-hearings.aspx>

Information on appearing in Ex Parte is available here:

<https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/ex-parte-probate.aspx>

Information about how to file a petition for a protection order and get a temporary order is available here: <https://kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/PO.aspx>



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