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Hello,

I have a comment on this proposed change to LCR 82(2):

**(2) Where Proceedings Held.** All proceedings before commissioners of any nature shall be conducted at the Court facility in the case assignment area designated on the Case Assignment Designation Form unless the Court has otherwise ordered on its own motion or upon motion of any party to the action. Proceedings of any nature shall be conducted at any of the court facilities based on the location of the assigned judge. Proceedings may be virtual, in-person, or a combination of both at the direction and order of the Court.

Maybe this new language applies primarily to family law proceedings or some other area that I don't practice in, but I do not understand this change. The new sentence that starts "Proceedings of any nature" seems to contradict the previous (first) sentence. Aren't we just talking about two case assignment areas, Kent and Seattle?

Is the following what is intended?

"All proceedings before commissioners of any nature shall be conducted at the Court facility in the case assignment area designated on the Case Assignment Designation Form unless the Court has otherwise ordered on its own motion or upon motion of any party to the action, *or the location of the assigned judge is outside the case assignment area.*"

Thank you,  
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