

Bar News
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COURTROOMS RETURN

Courtroom 100 will return to a Commissioner Courtroom January 3, 2012 (barring any unforeseen circumstances) and Department 21 (Judge Cuthbertson) will be returning to Courtroom 2A January 3.

NEW JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM

After what seems like a long time coming, the new jury assembly room opened in mid December. It remains Room No. 123 and is accessed off the first floor hallway; not quite as directly as before, however. Prospective jurors may use one of several computers available to check in, other computers are available for their use while waiting to be called to courtrooms, two large flat screens allow various jury instructional videos to be shown to the group and perhaps most appreciated by the jurors is the wall of windows which provides natural light and in 2012 there will be an area with access to the outside.

COLLABORATIVE PROFESSIONALS AWARD

The Collaborative Professionals of Washington honored Superior Court with a plaque for the court's support of the formation of a collaborative law track as part of its case management system.

COURT INFORMATION DESK VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Pierce County Superior Court, District Court and Tacoma Municipal Court are seeking volunteers to work at the information desks on the 1st and 2nd floors of the County City Building. The goal of this project is to assist building visitors in finding what they need and to provide general information to anyone visiting the building. Volunteers are requested to make a minimum commitment of 5 hours per week. Volunteer service is contingent upon successfully passing a background check. The program was funded by a grant from the State Administrative Office of the Courts. If you are interested in this program or know of someone who might be, please contact Mary Madden at Pierce County Superior Court; (253) 798-2991 or email at mmadden@co.pierce.wa.us