

PRO BONO SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Superior Court is pleased to announce the creation of a Pro Bono Settlement Conference Program. Judge John R. Hickman, along with other members of the Pro Tem Committee, asked our Pro Tem Judges and Commissioners to volunteer as pro bono Settlement Conference Officers and we received an overwhelmingly positive response, with approximately fifty (50) pro tems volunteering to date.

The program is offered to attorneys/pro se litigants only after the originally assigned settlement conference judge and the Commissioner Services Department are unable to provide a settlement conference date or the case is referred to the program by one of the Family Court departments.

Judge Hickman, along with the Superior Court bench would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the pro bono volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact the Pro Tem Judge Coordinator at 253.798.3605.

LOCAL RULES REMINDERS:

- **Working copies** are due the day they are filed - regardless of whether e-filed or hard copy.
- There are **separate rules for timing of materials for Summary Judgments vs. regular motions** before trial judges. 28 and 11 days for SJ; see above for regular motions.
- **Regular motions for Default** are heard at the court commissioner level, not on the trial department civil motion docket.
- If you **don't show up for a mandatory hearing**, an Order of Dismissal will be entered.

PAGE LIMIT FOR ELECTRONIC WORKING COPIES PILOT PROGRAM

Judges Worswick and Lee continue to work with the Clerks' office on the **pilot program** for delivery of electronic working papers to the Court when original documents are e-filed. Beginning immediately, any document over 100 pages may be e-filed; however, working copies must be submitted in paper form to the appropriate Judge for any document over 100 pages. The 100 page limit includes all attachments to the document. The hard copy working papers will be due to the Court pursuant to the Civil and Local Rules. Working papers for e-filed documents that are 100 pages or less will continue to be printed for the Judges when the request is made on LINX.

WANTED ATTORNEYS WILLING TO REPRESENT MINORS IN SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTION ORDER (PRO BONO)

If you are willing to represent minors in sexual assault protection order matters, pro bono, please submit your interest to Andra Motyka, Superior Court Administrator, 930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 334, Tacoma, WA 98402.

COURTHOUSE TOUR VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Pierce County Superior Court is hoping to find energetic people that have some time to share with their community as a Courthouse Tour Guide. Introducing students to court and court proceedings can be a life changing experience and volunteers are critical to make this happen. This opportunity is a rewarding and enjoyable community service for the children and youth of Pierce County. Training will be provided. Retired educators and people from the legal community are encouraged to apply. For more information, please call 798-3654, press 7.