



SKCBA Newsletter

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Law Library

Try us out at KCLL!!

Fall is upon us and as seasons change, we are reaching out to new and old friends. The staff at the King County Law Library would like you to know that we do have a presence at the Regional Justice Center- Room 1N, where you are able to access our 90,000 volume collection in both Seattle and Kent. One can look up titles on our online catalog at www.kcll.org and then come pick them up at the RJC. We will have regular orientations to our collection for the public at 10:00 am on the first Thursday of each month, or you may schedule an individual introduction to our collection with our staff at anytime. We have access to Westlaw, Lexis, and HeinOnline as well at several of our public terminals. HeinOnline includes law reviews and historical issues of the CFR and Federal Register in the easily readable PDF format. You can access the Internet from anywhere in the either of our branches at no charge through the County's wireless network, the KCPAN. You can visit your favorite web sites and check your email using your own laptop or PDA.

To reap the benefits of borrowing our materials you can become a subscriber at the annual rate of \$55.00. If you have questions about our services, don't hesitate to call one of our professional staff at 206-296-0940. We look forward to those of you who may have not tried us out to give us a chance in helping meet your legal research needs.

Marcus Hochstetler
Director, King County Law Library

Operational Master Plan

King County Superior Court is currently working with a consulting firm from Denver to develop an Operational Master Plan for family/juvenile law. This includes consideration of location of a facility(ies), what needs to be included in the facility, how a combined family and juvenile court should operate and other significant questions. The consultants want to meet with family law attorneys and dependency attorneys in private practice on January 9th from 1:45-3:45pm in room E 930. They have already met with members of the court, defender organizations and AG, etc. This is the opportunity for the private attorneys to be heard. The meeting will only be with the consultants, not court staff or personnel. Please attend and post this on any appropriate list serve. Thanks,

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No January Meeting

Emergency Changes to
Local Rule 98.20 - Guardianships and Trusts
and
Local Juvenile Rule 4.3 - Notice of Termination
Hearings

The King County Superior Court has modified two Local Rules on an emergency basis, effective January 1, 2006.

Local Rule 98.20, related to Guardianships, was modified in two places. LR 98.20(c) specifies the court's policy in setting deadlines in guardianship and trust cases. LR 98.20(j) is a new section which complies with the changes to RCW 11.88.010(5), effective January 1, 2006, related to the loss of voting rights for incapacitated persons and the Court's responsibility to notify the County Auditor. This new rule section requires the guardian ad litem or guardian to submit a Notice of Loss of Voting Rights for filing in such cases.

Local Juvenile Rule 4.3 has also been modified on an emergency basis. This change shortens the case schedule issued in termination of parental rights cases. The new schedule length will be 131 days.

The newly modified versions of these rules, both effective January 1, 2006, are available on the Clerk's website at: www.metrokc.gov/kcsccl. These rule changes will also officially be published for a review and comment period pursuant to LR 83.

The Unified Family Court Training Oversight Committee and KCBA Family Law Section are sponsoring a CLE on "**Special Education; Who Qualifies and What do They Receive**" W278, King Co. Courthouse on January 18th at 12:10 pm to 1:25 pm. Betty Jones, PhD is the presenter. 1.25 CLE credits.

Proposed LcrRLJ 2.6 eSUPERFORM

The proposed rule is:

"Prosecuting Attorneys may file electronic Superforms ("eSuperforms") into the District Court Electronic Records System by following the Administrative Office of the Courts password and personal identification number procedure established by GR 30.5(a). The probable cause statement in the eSuperform must be signed by a law enforcement officer using a digital certificate that complies with the requirements of RCW 19.34 et. seq. And the Technical Standards referenced by GR 30.1."

Mail comments to be received by 1/9/06 to:

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