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Subject: CHANGES TO COURT CALENDAR
Attachments: Island Couny Local Court Rules 9-1-2022.pdf; Proposed Local Court Rules Clean.pdf; Proposed Local Court Rules Redline.pdf

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I write to address the issue of Court Calendars and scheduling in Island County Superior Court. [See below email, esp regarding LCR 77(k)]

I have been meaning to send this for years (literally) and am taking the liberty to do so now. I speak for myself, and members of our firm, not for anyone else. But, I can say that every single attorney I have discussed this with in Island County agrees with the following proposal 100%.

Nobody disagreed with it.

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My Proposal is to return to the Schedules that were in place *before* they were moved to Mondays.

Specifically, that we simply switch the calendars from Mondays to Fridays.

This accomplishes *many* positive goals:

1. First and Foremost, we have all week to coordinate with opposing counsel, approve paperwork, meet with clients, and fully prepare for court.
2. We avoid the difficulty of trying to prepare over weekends, when nobody is readily available.
3. We would not have to spend EVERY SINGLE SUNDAY WORKING.
4. Jury Trials can begin on Mondays, which is MUCH more efficient and practical for Jurors. Tuesdays can be awkward for a lot of people with jobs.

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I could wax poetic about the history of scheduling in Island County. I was in the middle of the change to Mondays. In the "Old Days" when court was finished on Friday? We were *finished*. We did not always have to work every weekend. And if court finished early, or we had nothing set? We got to go home. Imagine that.

It was excellent.

It was only changed because Judge Churchill was appointed to a special Judicial Committee that only met on Fridays in Olympia, so she asked to change the calendar. I know this because, as the PD at that time in both Island County, and also San Juan County, I was directly impacted the most. So Judge Churchill called me personally to explain this all to me. Which is how I know it. There was no other logistical reason for the change, at least as far as I know.

Long story, short, the calendaring system was changed to Mondays. There is no longer a need for it to be on Mondays and many reasons to move it to Fridays.

Finally, with respect to the proposed rule changes in attached Proposed LCR 77(k), I will state simply that switching around the calendars, with afternoons vs mornings alternating weekly, seems to me like a "recipe for disaster". It would lead to endless confusion, clients missing court. and having great excuses for doing so, etc etc. etc. I can only imagine the Warrant Quash Calendars.

Simply put, I do not agree with that change at all.

Thank you for considering my input.

Have nice weekends.

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Good afternoon,

Pursuant to [General Rule 7](#), Island County Superior Court has published the proposed additions or amendments to our Local Court Rules on the [Superior Court website](#) under "Important Announcement." This email will serve as notification to the Island County Prosecutor, Island County Clerk, Island Defense, and the Island County Bar Association.

I have attached three documents for your review:

1. Island County's Current Local Court Rules- Effective September 1, 2022
2. Island County's Proposed Local Court Rules- Scheduled to go into Effect September 1, 2023
3. Redline version of Island County's Proposed Local Court Rules- Scheduled to go into Effect September 1, 2023

I would like to call your attention to two specific sections with changes:

1. LCR 77(k) – Changes to the Monday calendars and special set hearings
2. LSPR 94 (k) – Addition of Informal Family Law Trials

All comments on the proposed court rules must be submitted in writing and provided to me at m.frazier@islandcountywa.gov or mailed to 1 NE 7th Street, Coupeville, WA 98239. All comments will be posted on the Island County Superior Court website for review and must be received by 4 p.m. on June 23, 2023.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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