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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY
KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN
WASHINGTON STATE

No. 20-0-12050-5

**EMERGENCY ORDER #17
RE: CIVIL, FAMILY LAW AND
DEPENDENCY MATTERS**

This matter comes before the Court on the public health emergency in Washington State.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, based on the findings in King County Emergency Orders Nos. 1-6, the March 23, 2020 Stay Home-Stay Healthy proclamation of Governor Jay Inslee, the March 13, 2020 Proclamation of President Donald Trump regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Justice Debra Stephens' Order No 25700-B-606, Amended Order No. 25700-B-607, Order re: Dependency and Termination Cases No 257-B-614, and Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations, No. 25700-B-615, and based on the Court's need to maintain public health and safety balanced against the Court's core constitutional obligations to the public:

The provisions of Emergency Orders #15 and #16 of this Court remain in effect through June 5, 2020 with the following additions:

Civil Matters

1. All hearings for judicial review of agency action, judicial review of land use decisions and appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction shall be heard without oral argument unless specifically requested by the assigned judge. The parties may request oral

1 argument, and the assigned judge shall decide whether to allow such argument. If the
2 court grants oral argument, it will be conducted by telephone, video or other electronic
3 means. If the assigned judge determines that a hearing requires in person attendance,
4 the court may hold such a hearing only after determining that the hearing can be
5 conducted in a safe manner with appropriate social distancing. If the court concludes
6 that it cannot do so, the court will continue the hearing.

- 7 2. All civil jury trials shall be continued to a date on or after July 7, 2020.
- 8 3. Governor Inslee and a number of King County cities have issued moratoria for
9 evictions related to the nonpayment of rent for residential, small businesses (under 50
10 employees for Seattle) and nonprofit businesses. These moratoria include restrictions
11 on late fees, rental increases and other matters. The court will act in accordance with
12 those moratoria.

12 **Family Law**

- 13 4. The provisions of Emergency Order #15 of this Court remain in effect through June 5,
14 2020, provided that the Chief Unified Family Court Judge may, by Order, expand the
15 scope of UFC motions to include limited non-emergency motions, subject to all
16 requirements in Emergency Order #15 regarding public health and safety.
- 17 5. Pretrial conferences may be set by UFC Judges after April 24, 2020, which shall be
18 conducted telephonically or videoconference.
- 19 6. Motions regarding temporary child relocation may be noted to the assigned UFC judge.

19 **Dependency**

- 20 7. All Dependency matters previously continued until April 24, 2020 are now continued
21 until June 5, 2020, provided that the Lead Dependency Judge may, by Order, expand
22 the scope of dependency matters, subject to all requirements regarding health and
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It Is So Ordered.

Dated: April 22, 2020

JUDGE JIM ROGERS
PRESIDING JUDGE

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Signed by: Jim Rogers
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