

**1. REQUEST FOR NEW LOCAL RULE ALLOWING ELECTRONIC SERVICE OF WORKING COPIES OF DEPENDENCY RELATED PLEADINGS TO COURT ADMINISTRATION UNDER SCLJuCR 2.5(c), SCLJuCR 2.9(c), SCLJuCR 3.1(d).**

**ISSUE:** Dependency matters are unique, distinctive proceedings. They require a strict adherence to Constitutional Rights and due process. In that respect, they are similar to criminal proceedings but have the voluminous discovery and heavy litigation of civil proceedings. They require unique and nuanced litigation which can create the need for many pleadings, motions and court hearings.

**REASON:** It would aid the legal parties in dependency hearings if there was a mechanism that allowed for electronic submission of working copies. The Attorney General's Office is in Bellingham, some parent's attorneys work in other jurisdictions and some live in other jurisdictions. It would streamline our workload and ensure working copies are provided as soon as possible, no sooner than four days prior to the hearing.

**PROPOSED NEW RULE:** For purposes of providing working copies of dependency related matters to Court Administration, working copies may be submitted electronically for shelter care review hearings under SCLJuCR 2.5(c), review hearings under SCLJuCR 2.9(c), and motions under SCLJuCR 3.1(d).