

**SKAGIT COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
LOCAL COURT RULE CHANGES ONLY**
Changes, in red, take effect Sept. 1, 2026

PART I. LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (Cite as SCLAR)
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SCLAR 0.1 SCOPE OF RULES

(a) These rules shall become effective September 1, 2026.

(b) – (c) No changes

SCLAR 0.2 COURT ORGANIZATION

(a) Departments.

Department	Created	Judge	Date of Qualification
No. 1	1891	Hon. Heather D. Shand	January 2025
No. 2	1955	Hon. Laura M. Riquelme	July 2017
No. 3	1992	Hon. Elizabeth Yost Neidzwski	January 2021
No. 4	2006	<u>Hon. Mary K. Crandall</u>	<u>January 2026</u>
<u>No. 5</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>Vacancy to be filled Jan. 2027</u>	<u>January 2027</u>

(b) – (c) No changes

PART II. LOCAL GENERAL RULES
(Cite as SCLGR)

SCLGR 8 CORRECTING OBVIOUS ERRORS

(a) The clerk is authorized to correct obvious errors in cause numbers and captions when the error is of a clerical nature. In the event of a discrepancy between the case name and the cause number, the cause number controls. [Adopted September 1, 2020; amended September 1, 2026]

SCLGR 15 DESTRUCTION, SEALING, AND REDACTION OF COURT RECORDS

(a) – (b) [reserved]

(c) The Clerk's Office may provide copies from a sealed file at the front counter, at the statutory copy fee rate, for up to 48 hours following judicial signature. This 48-hour period runs continuously and is not extended for weekends, holidays, or non-business days.

- (1) *Authorized parties.* Access during this period is limited to parties authorized by court order. Individuals requesting copies must present valid identification sufficient to verify their identity, as determined by the Clerk's Office;
- (2) *Remote Requests.* Parties unable to appear in person may request copies by mail or email if:
 - (i) The request is made within 72 hours of judicial signature;
 - (ii) A mailing address or email address is included in the court order, and;
 - (iii) The Clerk's Office receives sufficient information to verify the requester's identity.
- (3) *Electronic Access Limitation.* Once a matter is sealed, electronic access may no longer be available due to system limitations.

[Rescinded November 1, 2013; Adopted September 1, 2026]

SCLGR 31 PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS-CHILDREN

(a) – (e) No changes

(f) Orders issued for the protection of a child. If a child is a person protected by a criminal no contact order, an anti-harassment order, an order of protection, or a restraining order, or any other court order entered for the protection of the child, the child's full name and other identifiers shall be included on petitions and orders as necessary for entry of the order into the Judicial Information System (JIS) and/or the Washington Crime Information Center (WACIC).

[The only changes were to omit some prior language.]

(g) – (i) No changes

PART III. LOCAL CIVIL RULES

(Cite as SCLCR)

SCLCR 7. PLEADINGS ALLOWED; FORM OF MOTIONS; MOTIONS PRACTICE

(b) Motions and Other Papers

(1)-(4) [reserved]

(5) *Remote Argument*. Oral argument may be heard remotely provided that the attorney or unrepresented party has clear audio and video, is identified by their name on the login information, and as follows below.

(i) Civil Protection Orders. Parties to a civil protection order case may appear remotely over video without prior court permission as long as they have clear audio and video. If a party wishes to appear only by audio (either online or telephonically), they must request permission of the court at least three days before the hearing. Appropriate virtual backgrounds that obscure the location of a participant are permitted.

(ii) Unlawful Detainers. Parties to an unlawful detainer action may appear remotely over video without prior court permission.

(iii) Pre-Trial Conference. Parties, including guardians ad litem and court visitors, may appear remotely for pre-trial conferences without prior court permission.

(iv) Guardians ad litem and court visitors. Guardians ad litem and/or court visitors in guardianship and domestic matters are presumed to have advance court permission for remote appearances on the guardianship and domestic motions calendars and do not require a court order permitting such access. They must contact Court Administration at least two days prior to the court hearing for remote connection information.

(v) All other matters. Parties on all other civil and family law motions may appear remotely only with prior court permission, which may be obtained by a motion and court order. The motion and proposed order are available at the court's website: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt Approved parties must contact Court Administration at least two days prior to the court hearing for remote connection information.

(vi) Exceptions. The court retains the discretion to except certain calendars from this rule and broaden access to remote appearances. Calendars where remote appearances are permitted without prior court permission will be published on the court's website.

(6) – (7) No changes

(c) - (d) No changes

(e) Motions Practice

(1) – (4) No changes

(5) *Failure to Appear for Motion*. If the noting party fails to appear for a hearing on a motion, and the opposing party appears, the motion will be denied. If the moving party appears and the opposing party fails to appear, the relief requested will be granted, if warranted. If neither appear, the motion will be stricken. In this event, the moving party may later apply, ex parte, for the relief requested, upon satisfying the court by clerk's minutes, or any other satisfactory evidence, of lack of opposition to the motion. [Amended September 1, 2022; amended September 1, 2026]

(6) No changes

(f) – (g) No changes

SCLCR 8 UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTIONS

(a) – (b) No changes

(c) The procedures established in this rule only apply to unlawful detainer actions, not actions for ejectment. [Sub-section adopted September 1, 2026]

ATTACHMENT A

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO TENANTS CONCERNING SCHEDULED COURT HEARING TO SHOW CAUSE

This notice contains legal rights that you have under the law and Skagit County Superior Court Local Rules.

- If you do not participate in your Show Cause hearing, the Sheriff could evict you.
- State law provides you the right to legal representation. The court may be able to appoint a lawyer to represent you without cost to you if you are a qualifying low-income renter.
- You have the right to appear at the Show Cause hearing and present your side to the court either in person or virtually in accordance with this Court's Local Rules.
- The person who filed this case is required to give you this addendum if they give you an "Order to Show Cause."

Remote Appearance

You may appear remotely if you have a clear audio and video connection. Information about connecting remotely is posted on the court's website in the Daily Court Schedule:

www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt

The rules of courtroom decorum continue to apply to anyone appearing remotely, including the public. All parties are expected to wear courtroom appropriate attire when appearing remotely.

Legal Help

State law provides you the right to legal representation. If you qualify, the court may be able to appoint a lawyer to represent you at no cost to you.

If you believe you qualify and would like an attorney appointed to represent you, contact

Skagit Legal Aid
Phone: (360) 230-8100
Online: www.SkagitLegalAid.org

If you cannot contact Skagit Legal Aid, you may contact the statewide Eviction Defense Screening Line operated by the Northwest Justice Project:

Eviction Defense Screening Line
Phone: 1-855-657-8387
Online <https://nwjustice.org/apply-online>

For additional resources, please call the CLEAR Advice and Referral line at **1-888-201-1014** weekdays between 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. or the CLEAR Senior line at **1-888-381-7111** for seniors age 60 and up. You will be screened for eligibility. Legal representation is not guaranteed.

Any person should qualify who, at any stage of a court proceeding, either

(a) Receives one of the following types of public assistance:

- Temporary assistance for needy families,
- aged, blind, or disabled assistance benefits,
- medical care services under RCW 74.09.035,
- pregnant women assistance benefits,
- poverty-related veterans' benefits,
- food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically,
- refugee resettlement benefits,
- Medicaid, or
- supplemental security income; or

(b) Receives an annual income, after taxes, of 200 percent or less of the current federally established poverty level.

You may also visit WashingtonLawHelp.org for information on landlord/tenant law.

Individuals with Disabilities or Limited English Proficiency

If you have a disability or do not primarily speak English and need assistance in order to fully participate in your Show Cause hearing, you should promptly contact the Superior Court Administrator's office and follow the provided instructions by

- calling (360) 416-1200
- going in-person to the Court Administrator's office (2nd floor courthouse)
- [emailing superiorcourtadmin@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:superiorcourtadmin@co.skagit.wa.us), or
- [filling out an online form for an interpreter request at:
skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt/interpreters.htm](http://skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt/interpreters.htm)
- [filling out an online form for a disability-related accommodation at:
skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt/ada.htm](http://skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt/ada.htm)

and then follow the provided instructions.

Applicants should request the accommodation that will allow them to best participate in court programs, services, or activities. A reasonable accommodation could be, but is not limited to:

- an interpreter.
- a sign language interpreter.
- large print or high contrast documents and forms.
- hearings held by teleconference.
- extended time for hearings and recesses; or
- assistive listening and seeing devices.
- personal assistance or someone who can help present the case or claim to the court.

All parties with Limited English Proficiency who need an interpreter to participate in court hearings must submit the attached Request for Interpreter form to Superior Court Administration at the earliest opportunity.

ANEXO A

AVISO IMPORTANTE PARA ARRENDATARIOS RESPECTO A LA AUDIENCIA PROGRAMADA DE JUSTIFICACIÓN DE CAUSA

Esta notificación describe sus derechos legales según la ley y las Reglas locales del tribunal superior del condado de Skagit.

- Si no participa en su audiencia de justificación de causa, el alguacil lo podría desalojar.
- La ley estatal le otorga el derecho a contar con representación legal. Si usted cumple con los requisitos como arrendador de bajos recursos, el tribunal podría asignarle un abogado, sin costo alguno.
- Tiene derecho a comparecer en la audiencia de justificación de causa y presentar su versión ante el tribunal, ya sea en persona o de manera virtual, de conformidad con las reglas locales de este tribunal.
- La persona que presentó este caso está obligada a entregarle este apéndice si usted recibe una "Orden de comparecencia para justificar una causa".

Comparecencia remota

Usted puede comparecer de manera remota si tiene una conexión clara de audio y video. La información sobre cómo conectarse de manera remota se encuentra en el sitio web del tribunal en el calendario diario del tribunal:

www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt

Las reglas de decoro en la sala del tribunal aún son válidas para cualquier persona que comparezca de manera remota, incluido el público. Todas las partes deberán vestir de manera adecuada para la sala del tribunal cuando se presenten de manera remota.

Asistencia legal

La ley estatal le otorga el derecho a contar con representación legal. Si usted cumple con los requisitos,

el tribunal podría asignarle un abogado para que lo represente sin costo alguno.

Si cree que cumple con los requisitos y desea que le asignen un abogado para que lo represente, comuníquese con:

Skagit Legal Aid
Teléfono: (360) 230-8100
Sitio web: www.SkagitLegalAid.org

Si no logra comunicarse con Skagit Legal Aid, puede comunicarse con la Línea estatal de evaluación de abogados contra desalojos, operada por el Northwest Justice Project:

Línea de evaluación de abogados contra desalojos
Teléfono: 855-657-8387
Sitio web: <https://nwjustice.org/apply-online>

Para obtener más información, llame a la línea directa de asesoría y referencias CLEAR al **1-888-201-1014** de lunes a viernes de 9:15 a. m. a 12:15 p. m. o a la línea de CLEAR Senior al **1-888-381-7111** para mayores de 60 años. Se evaluará si cumple con los requisitos. Su representación legal no está garantizada.

Una persona cumplirá con los requisitos si, en cualquier etapa de un procedimiento judicial,

(a) Recibe uno de los siguientes tipos de asistencia pública:

- Apoyo temporal para familias necesitadas,
- beneficios de apoyo para personas mayores, ciegas o discapacitadas,
- servicios de atención médica de conformidad con el RCW 74.09.035,
- beneficios de apoyo para mujeres embarazadas,
- beneficios para veteranos relacionados con la pobreza,
- vales de despensa o beneficios de vales de despensa transferidos de manera electrónica,
- beneficios de reubicación para refugiados,
- Medicaid, o
- ingreso de seguro social complementario, o

(b) recibe un ingreso anual, después de impuestos, del 200% o menos del nivel de pobreza actual establecido por el gobierno federal.

También puede consultar la página de WashingtonLawHelp.org para obtener información sobre la ley de arrendadores y arrendatarios.

Personas con discapacidades o dominio limitado del inglés

Si tiene alguna discapacidad o si el inglés no es su idioma principal y necesita ayuda para participar plenamente en su audiencia de justificación de causa, debe comunicarse de inmediato con la oficina del administrador del tribunal superior y seguir las instrucciones al

- llamar al teléfono (360) 416-1200 o
- acudir en persona a la oficina del administrador del tribunal (en el segundo piso del juzgado)
- [enviarnos un correo electrónico a superiorcourtadmin@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:superiorcourtadmin@co.skagit.wa.us) o
- [rellenar un formulario en línea para solicitar un intérprete a: skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt/interpreters.htm](https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt/interpreters.htm)
- [rellenar un formulario en línea para una adaptación relacionada con una discapacidad a: skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt/ada.htm](https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt/ada.htm)

y después siga las instrucciones proporcionadas.

Los solicitantes deberán pedir los servicios especiales que les permitan participar de la mejor manera en los programas, servicios o actividades del tribunal. Un servicio especial razonable podría incluir, pero no se limita a lo siguiente:

- un intérprete;
- un intérprete de lenguaje de señas;
- documentos y formularios con letras grandes o de alto contraste;
- audiencias realizadas a través de teleconferencias;
- tiempo adicional para audiencias y recreos;
- dispositivos de ayuda para escuchar y ver; o
- un asistente personal o alguien que pueda ayudar a presentar el caso o la reclamación ante el tribunal.

Todas las partes con dominio limitado del inglés que necesiten un intérprete para participar en las audiencias deben enviar el formulario de solicitud de intérprete adjunto a la administración del tribunal superior lo antes posible.

[Amended September 1, 2025; [amended September 1, 2026](#)]

ATTACHMENT B

[no changes to Attachment B]

SCLCR RULE 9 **Rescinded**

SCLCR 40 ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

(a) – (c) No changes

(d) Confirmation of Civil Trials

(1) All civil trials shall be confirmed by noon five (5) court days before the scheduled trial date. Trials shall be confirmed at the scheduled pre-trial conference or by contacting the Superior Court Administrator's Office, by calling (360) 416-1200 or confirming by a form on the Superior Court website. Parties shall notify the other legal parties that the trial has been confirmed. If a trial is not confirmed in accordance with this rule, the trial will be stricken. [Amended September 1, 2015; amended September 1, 2016; amended September 1, 2022; **amended September 1, 2026**]

(e) – (f) No changes

SCLCR 56 **SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

(a)-(b) No changes

(c) Motion, Proceedings and Confirmation of Motion

(1) – (2) No changes

(3) Confirmation shall be made online through a form available at the court's website (skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt) or by telephone to the Court Administrator's Office at (360) 416-1200 between 8:30 a.m. Monday and 4:00 p.m. Thursday the week before said motion is scheduled for hearing. [Amended September 2, 2014; amended September 1, 2025; amended September 1, 2026]

(4) – (6) No changes

SCLCR 57 **DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS**

(a) Confirmation of Motion

(1) All parties must conform to the motion and proceeding requirements of CR 57.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of the moving party to confirm all motions for Declaratory Judgment on the Dispositive Motion calendar by 4:00 p.m. five (5) court days before the scheduled hearing.

[Amended March 1, 2012; amended January 1, 2014; amended September 1, 2021; amended September 1, 2025]

(3) Confirmation shall be made [online through a form available at the court's website \(skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt\)](http://skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt) or by telephone to the Court Administrator's Office at (360) 416-1200 between 8:30 a.m. Monday and 4:00 p.m. Thursday the week before said motion is scheduled for hearing. [Amended September 2, 2014, amended September 1, 2025; [amended September 1, 2026](#)]

(4) Motions not confirmed in accordance with this rule will be stricken.

(5) SCLCR (10)(d)(2) does not apply to SCLCR 57.

[Adopted September 1, 2009; amended September 1, 2016; amended September 1, 2021]

SCLCR 84 FORMS

(a) Action documents. Pleadings or other documents requiring action on the part of the clerk/court (other than file stamping, docketing and entry in the court file) shall be considered action documents. Action documents must contain special caption and specify the action required on the first page. [Examples of documents requiring action include setting court dates, striking hearings, changing a case caption, entering a judgment, or requiring transmission of documents \(as authorized by statute\) to other agencies.](#)

[Adopted September 1, 2009; [amended September 1, 2026](#)]

PART IV. LOCAL CIVIL ARBITRATION RULES (Cite as SCLCAR)
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No changes

PART V. LOCAL SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS RULES (Cite as SCLSPR)

SCLSPR 94.04.2 FILINGS IN FAMILY LAW CASES

(a) – (i) No changes

(j) Oral Argument in Domestic Motions. Oral argument shall be limited to five (5) minutes per side for all domestic motions. The court may, in its own discretion, increase or reduce the time for oral argument. All oral argument shall be limited to matters noted for that day's motion and contained in the record. Any party addressing the court shall either appear in person or, only with advance court approval, remotely with clear audio and video enabled. Testimony, if authorized, shall take place in-person absent pre-approval from the court. [Amended September 1, 2021; amended September 1, 2026]

SCLSPR 94.04.4 FAMILY LAW TRIAL REQUEST AND CONFIRMATION, AND PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURES

(d) – (f) No changes

(g) Confirmation of Family Law Trials. All family law trials shall be confirmed by noon five (5) court days before the scheduled trial date. Trials shall be confirmed at the scheduled pre-trial conference or by contacting the Superior Court Administrator's Office, by calling (360) 416-1200 or confirming by a form on the Superior Court website. Parties shall notify the other legal parties that the trial has been confirmed. If a trial is not confirmed in accordance with this rule, the trial will be stricken.

[Adopted September 1, 2009; amended September 1, 2016; amended September 1, 2021; amended September 1, 2022; amended September 1, 2026]

SCLSPR 98.16.2 MINOR GUARDIANSHIP

(a) No changes

(b) Modifications of Final RCW 26.10 Orders. Any party wishing to modify or change a final order under a Non-Parental Custody matter filed under RCW 26.10 who did not commence said modification prior to December 31, 2020, shall follow the procedures set forth in RCW 11.130.240 and pay any required filing fees as set by statute.

(c) No changes

(d) Hearings and Trial. All minor guardianship matters filed under RCW 11.130 shall be noted for the guardianship calendar on the dates and times directed by the court calendar and shall follow all filing rules set forth in SCLSPR 94.04.2 and SCLCR 6. The parties shall utilize the note for calendar set forth on the Skagit County Superior Court website. The court may set a minor guardianship case on a domestic motions calendar if statutory timelines require an earlier hearing.

(1) Lengthy Hearings to Extend Emergency Guardianships: Parties expecting a contested emergency guardianship hearing to take longer than 20 minutes may seek court permission for a non-testimonial special set hearing. At the time of the request for a special set, the court shall determine if a special set hearing is necessary. Parties with court approval for a special set hearing shall schedule that hearing through Court Administration. The court's decision at the hearing will be based on the pleadings after hearing argument from all parties.

(2) No changes

(e) – (f) No changes

(g) Objections. Any person entitled to notice under RCW 11.130 who objects to the appointment of a guardian shall promptly file and serve on all other persons entitled to notice a completed “Objection to Minor Guardianship,” GDN M 301. A hearing on the objection shall be heard on the minor guardianship calendar. The court’s decision will be based on the pleadings. Any requests for a special set hearing on the objection shall follow the same procedure documented in section (d)(1) of this rule. [Adopted September 1, 2023; amended September 1, 2026]

(h) – (k) No changes

PART VI. LOCAL RULES FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM REGISTRY

(TITLES 11 AND 26)

(Cite as SCLGALR)

SCLGALR 1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 These local rules cover the administration of the Guardian ad Litem and Court Visitor Registries maintained by the Skagit County Superior Court under RCW Chapters 11 and 26. The use of the term “Guardian ad Litem” under these rules also applies to Court Visitors. The Complaint Procedure enumerated in this section also applies to guardians ad litem appointed under Title 13. These rules also apply to volunteer guardians ad litem. [Amended September 1, 2022; amended September 1, 2026]

SCLGALR 7. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

7.1 – 7.3 No changes

- 7.4 Upon receipt of a written complaint, the Court Administrator shall convene the Committee to review the complaint. Upon review of the complaint, the Committee shall either:
- (a) Making a finding that the complaint is with regard to a case then pending in the court and decline to review the complaint and so inform the complainant. In such instances the Committee shall advise the complainant that the complaint may only be addressed in the context of the case at bar, either by seeking the removal of the guardian ad litem or by contesting the information or recommendation contained in the guardian ad litem’s report or testimony. In such cases the Committee and its members shall perform its role in such a manner as to assure that the trial judge remains uninformed as to the complaint; or
 - (b) Make a finding that the complaint has no merit on its face and decline to review the complaint and so inform the complainant; or
 - (c) Make a finding that the complaint appears to have merit and request a written response from the guardian ad litem within 10 court days, detailing the specific issues in the complaint to which the Committee desires a response. The Committee shall provide the guardian ad litem with a copy of the original complaint. In cases under Title 13, a copy of the original complaint shall also be forwarded to the supervisor of that guardian ad litem. In considering whether the complaint has merit, the Committee shall consider whether the complaint alleges the guardian ad litem has: [Amended September 1, 2026]

(1) – (8) No changes

7.5 – 7.10 No changes

- 7.11 In pending cases where a guardian ad litem is removed by the trial court, a complaint and the order of removal may be submitted for consideration by this Committee under sections 7.4(b) and (c) of this rule. [Sub-section adopted September 1, 2026]

PART VII. LOCAL CRIMINAL RULES

(Cite as SCLCrR)

SCLCrR 3.1(d)(4) Attorneys who engage in public defense representation shall file certifications of compliance as set forth under CrR 3.1 or will be subject to removal from representation on noncompliant cases.

The clerk will maintain an administrative file for such certifications. The administrative files will be open for public inspection. [Adopted March 1, 2013; amended June 1, 2013; amended September 1, 2026]

SCLCrR 4.1. APPEARANCES

(a) No Changes

(b) Remote Appearances. Remote appearances are only permitted when the party has clear audio and video, is identified by their name on the login information, and has prior court approval to appear remotely.

(1) Advance Permission. Prior court approval to appear remotely may be obtained by a motion and court order. Parties or witnesses who are based at a Department of Corrections facility, a facility for competency restoration services, or in custody in any facility are presumed to have advance permission to appear remotely. The motion and proposed order are available at the court's website: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt. Approved parties must contact Court Administration at least two days prior to the court hearing for remote connection information.

(2) Audio-Only Appearance. Audio-only appearances (telephonic or over the computer without video) are permitted only with advance court approval and under agreement of the parties or exceptional circumstances.

(3) Remote testimony. Remote testimony is permitted only with advance court approval and under agreement of the parties or exceptional circumstances. Testimony from facilities indicated in section (1) are permitted to appear remotely absent other court order.

(4) Exceptions. The court retains the discretion to except certain calendars from this rule and broaden access to remote appearances. Calendars where remote appearances are permitted without prior court permission will be published on the court's website.

(5) Courtroom Decorum. The rules of courtroom decorum continue to apply to anyone appearing remotely, including the public. This includes refraining from recording the proceedings without advance court permission, interrupting others, engaging in lewd or inappropriate behavior, or otherwise disrupting the proceedings. All parties are expected to wear courtroom attire when appearing remotely over video. A person appearing remotely may use an appropriate and non-distracting virtual or blurred background.

[Adopted September 1, 2021; amended September 1, 2022; amended September 1, 2026]

SCLCrR 4.10 TRIAL CONFIRMATION

(a) Pre-Trial Confirmation Form. By the Trial Confirmation hearing, any party wishing to confirm the case for trial must send a completed *Pre-Trial Confirmation Form*, located on the Superior Court webpage under the Forms section, to Court Administration. The parties shall certify on the *Pre-Trial Confirmation Form* that all CrR 3.6, CrR 3.5, and dispositive pre-trial motions have been conducted. If the court determines that all necessary pre-trial motions have not been conducted, the court may determine the matter not ready for trial and continue the trial date. Failure to properly advise Court Administration about special needs during the trial, including witness scheduling and the need for interpreters, may result in sanctions, including payment of jury costs.

(b) – (c) No changes

SCLCrR 6.15 INSTRUCTIONS AND ARGUMENT

(a) Proposed Instructions.

(1) Trial counsel shall provide two copies of their proposed jury instructions to the judge when the trial begins. One copy shall be cited and the other uncited with plaintiff's proposed instructions numbered in pencil on the lower left corner and the defendant's proposed instructions numbered in pencil on the lower right corner to correlate with jury instructions. Proposed instructions shall be in 12-point Arial, with one-and-a-half (1.5) line spacing and one-inch margins.

(2) No changes

SCLCrR 8.2.1 MOTIONS IN LIMINE

(a) No changes

(b) Briefing. Motions in limine shall be provided to the court and opposing counsel by the trial confirmation hearing. In cases where a motion in limine hearing was scheduled to take place before or on the same date of the confirmation hearing, motions in limine shall be provided at least three court days in advance of the hearing unless a scheduling order is already in place.

(c) No changes

(d) Dispositive Motions. Dispositive motions shall be filed and noted according to the timelines in SCLCR 6 and SCLCrR 8.2. Absent special circumstances, all dispositive motions must be scheduled and heard by the court prior to the Trial Confirmation hearing. [Sub-section adopted September 1, 2026]

PART VIII. LOCAL RULES FOR APPEAL OF DECISIONS OF COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION (Cite as SCLRALJ)

SCLRALJ 8.5 CONFIRMATION OF ORAL ARGUMENT

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the petitioner to confirm oral argument on the Dispositive Motion calendar by 4:00 p.m. five (5) court days before the scheduled hearing. [Amended March 1, 2012, January 1, 2014; Amended September 1, 2021]

(b) Confirmation shall be made online through a form available at the court's website (skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt) or by telephone to the Court Administrator's Office at (360) 416-1200 between 8:30 a.m. Monday and 4:00 p.m. Thursday the week prior to when the oral argument is scheduled for hearing. [Amended September 2, 2014, amended September 1, 2016; amended September 1, 2026]

(c) Motions not confirmed in accordance with this rule will be stricken.

PART IX MENTAL PROCEEDINGS RULES

(Cite as SCMPR)

No changes

PART X JUVENILE COURT RULES

(Cite as SCLJuCR)

SCLJuCR 3.12 DEPENDENCY COURT MOTIONS

(a) Motions Format and Procedures.

(6) *Remote appearances.* Remote appearances for all dependency motions and review calendars shall be governed by SCLR 7(b).

SCLJuCR 4.1 APPEARANCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDER CASES

(a) In-Person Appearances Required. All witnesses, including respondents who are providing testimony, are required to appear in person absent prior court approval. Respondents are required to appear in person for first appearances, arraignment, entry of plea of guilty, disposition, probation violations, requests to quash warrants, and trial absent exceptional circumstances or prior court approval. Attorneys are required to appear in person at all hearings when their juvenile respondent client must also appear in person.

(b) Remote Appearances. Remote appearances are only permitted when the party has clear audio and video, is identified by their name on the login information, and has prior court approval to appear remotely.

(1) Advance Permission. Prior court approval to appear remotely may be obtained by a motion and court order. Parties or witnesses who are based at facility for competency restoration services or in custody in any facility are presumed to have advance permission to appear remotely. The motion and proposed order are available at the court's website: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/SuperiorCourt. Approved parties must contact Court Administration at least two days prior to the court hearing for remote connection information.

(2) *Audio-Only Appearance*. Audio-only appearances (telephonic or over the computer without video) are permitted only with advance court approval and under agreement of the parties or exceptional circumstances.

(3) *Remote testimony*. Remote testimony is permitted only with advance court approval and under agreement of the parties or exceptional circumstances. Testimony from facilities indicated in section (1) are permitted to appear remotely absent other court order.

(4) *Exceptions*. The court retains the discretion to except certain calendars from this rule and broaden access to remote appearances. Calendars where remote appearances are permitted without prior court permission will be published on the court's website.

(c) No changes

SCLJuCR 9.2(d) Attorney Certification. Attorneys who engage in public defense representation shall file certifications of compliance as set forth under JuCR 9.2 or will be subject to removal from representation on noncompliant cases.

The clerk will maintain an administrative file for such certifications. The administrative files will be open for public inspection. [Adopted March 1, 2013; amended June 1, 2013; amended September 1, 2026]

SCLJuCR 10.7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SEALING AFTER DISPOSITION

(a) In all dispositions of offender matters in juvenile court, at the time of disposition, the court shall determine if the charges are subject to administrative sealing pursuant to statute, and if so, set a date for an administrative review in the disposition order.

(b) All juvenile offenses are subject to administrative sealing, pursuant to statute, other than:

(1) Most serious offenses as defined in RCW 9.94A.030.

(2) Sex Offenses as defined in RCW 9A.44

(3) Drug Offenses as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, except possession of a controlled substance or forged prescription for a controlled substance.

(c) – (m) No changes