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To: Presiding Judge Laura M. Riquelme Skagit County Superior Court

From: Jim Bamberger, Director Office of Civil Legal Aid

Re: Certificate of Tenant Right to Counsel Availability

Date: October 1, 2021

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This is to certify that the necessary level of trained attorney capacity is now available to receive and accept appointments in Skagit County Superior Court as required by RCW 59.18.640(1). The Court may proceed to screen and appoint in the manner outlined in the Standing Order dated September 21, 2021.

The Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) will carefully monitor the number of appointments and corresponding attorney caseloads. As outlined in Sec. 9.d of OCLA's [Right to Counsel Implementation Plan](#), should available attorneys consistently exceed authorized caseload limits, we will advise the Court that this certification is suspended. In this event, OCLA will immediately work to identify and make available supplemental (most likely virtual) attorney capacity at least until local attorney caseloads stabilize.

If you have any questions, please contact OCLA's Eviction Defense Program Manager, Philippe Knab at [philippe.knab@ocla.wa.gov](mailto:philippe.knab@ocla.wa.gov) or at 360-280-8784.