

New Court Rules.

	Effective Date	Brief Description of New Rule(s)
Interpreters	Effective upon publication	Amendment to GR 11.3 Remote Recording Allows for remote interpreting of court events.
Interpreters	Effective upon publication	New rule GR 11.4-Team Interpreting Defines team interpretation and requires appointment of multiple interpreters in cases requiring more than 1 or 2 hours of simultaneous or consecutive interpreting.
Statements on Plea of Guilty in Felony Cases	Effective upon publication	Amendment to CrR 4.2(g) Replaces phrase “chemical dependency” with “substance use disorder” Includes information about domestic violence assessments, treatment, and global positioning to monitor compliance with no contact orders.
Appeals	Feb. 1, 2021	Amendments to RAP 4.2, RAP 4.3, RAP 10.4,) RAP 10.7, RAP 10.8, RAP 10.10(b), RAP 12.4, RAP) 13.4, RAP 13.S(c), RAP 13.7(e), RAP 16.7(c), RAP) 16.10(d), RAP 16.16(e), RAP 16.17, RAP 16.21(c),) RAP 16.22, RAP 17.4(g), RAP 18.13A(h), RAP) 18.14(c), new RAP 18.17, RAP forms 3, 4, 6, 9,) 17, 18, 20, 23 Creates new formatting requirements for all briefs, motions, petitions, etc. that increase type size and replace page limits with word count limits. Most documents will require a new certification as to the number of words in the document.
Appointment of Experts	Feb 1, 2021	Amendments to CrR 3.1—Right to and Assignment of Lawyer, CrRLJ 3.1—Right to and Assignment of Lawyer, and JuCR 9.3—Right to Appointment of Experts in Juvenile Offense Proceedings and Assignment of Lawyer Motions for services other than a lawyer <i>shall</i> be made ex parte.

Defense Counsel Case Load Standards	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Amendments to CrR 3.1 Stds, CrRLJ 3.1 Stds, JuCR 9.2 Stds, and new MPR 2.1 Stds</p> <p>Adopts new standards for civil commitment proceedings under Chapter 71.05 RCW mental health proceedings.</p>
Depositions Upon Oral Examination	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Amendments to CR 30—Depositions Upon Oral Examination</p> <p>Allows the oath and recording to be administered by an officer from a location remote from the deponent.</p>
Juvenile Arrest Warrants	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Adoption of new JuCR 7.16—Governing Warrant Quashes</p> <p>Quashes most existing warrants issued for violation of court orders related to juvenile offense proceedings and for failure to appear for juvenile offense hearings. Prohibits issuance of new warrants unless a finding is made that the individual circumstances of the failure to appear or the violation poses a serious threat to public safety.</p>
Local Rules	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Amendment to GR 7—Local Rules—Filing and Effective Date</p> <p>Prohibits adoption of non-emergency amended or new local court rules without providing for at least 30 day comment period. Proposals will need to be distributed to certain individuals, including the county prosecutor and posted on the court’s website.</p>
Motions for Reconsideration in Criminal Cases	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Amendments to CrR 8.2—Motions and CrRLJ 8.2—Motions</p> <p>Affirmatively allows for motions for reconsideration in criminal cases. Procedure for such motions will be governed by CR 59(b), (e), and (j), or CRLJ 59(b), (e), and (j).</p>
Part Time Judicial Officers	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Amendments to GR 29—Presiding Judge in Superior Court District and Limited Jurisdiction Court District, and CrRLJ 1.3—Effect</p> <p>Places restrictions upon employment contracts with part-time judicial officers.</p>

Presence of Defendants	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Amendments to CrRLJ 3.4-Presence of the Defendant and CrR 3.4-Presence of the Defendant</p> <p>Allows defendants in most cases to appear through counsel and defendants will only be required to be physically or remotely present at arraignment, every stage of the trial, sentencing, and when a court finds good cause for the defendant to be present. Bench warrants may only be issued for failure to appear at these required appearances.</p>
Sealing of Arbitration Awards	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Amendment to SCCAR 7.2—Procedure After Request for Trial de Novo</p> <p>Seals any arbitration award if a trial de novo is requested and prohibits judicial officers from accessing the award until the trial de nove is completed or the case is otherwise completed.</p>
Sworn statements	Feb. 1, 2021	<p>Amendments to GR 13-Use of Unsworn Statement in Lieu of Affidavit, GR 30-Electronic Filing and Service, CrR 2.2-Warrant of Arrest and Summons, CrR 2.3-Search and Seizure, CrR 3.2.1-Procedure Following Warrantless Arrest Preliminary Appearance, CrRLJ 2.1-Complaint-Citation and Notice, CrRLJ 2.2-Warrant of Arrest or Summons Upon Complaint, CrRLJ 2.3-Search and Seizure, CrRLJ 3.2.1-Procedure Following Warrantless Arrest-Preliminary Hearing, CrRLJ 3.6-Suppression Procedure, IRLJ 6.7-Identity Challenges and Relief From Judgment, RALJ 6.3.1-Transcript of Electronic Record, JuCR 7.3-Detention and Release, SPR 98.16W-Estates--Guardianship-Settlement of Claims of Minors and Incapacitated Persons</p> <p>Replaces references to former RCW 9A.72.085 and replaces them with court rule references. Amends GR 13’s language for declarations.</p>