

# Superior Court

*Notice to the Bar and Public*

**September 22, 2022**

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**ATTENTION Law Offices Personnel:** Please assure **ALL** staff, attorneys and, non-attorneys are aware of the contents of this notice.

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## **ATTORNEY & PRO SE PARTY SIGNATURES**

Per our Superior Court Presiding Judge, and the Superior Court Bench, a unanimous decision has been made regarding signatures on pleadings.

The Whatcom County Superior Court Clerk's Office will only accept documents that are properly signed. This means that typed names, /s/ typed names, cursive font typed names, and electronic typed names are not acceptable. The signature must be an original signature of all attorneys and pro se parties.

There are two exceptions to this rule:

- A GR 17 may be provided as the last page of a pleading. The GR 17 can state that the document was received via facsimile, which can include a scanned document sent via email.
- If opposing counsel or an opposing party gives "telephonic or email approval" for their signature, and this is indicated on the signature line, we have always accepted this in lieu of a true signature, and will continue to do so.

This process will remain in effect until such time an E-Filing system is in place for Whatcom County Superior Court Clerk's Office.