



SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF  
WASHINGTON  
FOR CLARK COUNTY

GENERAL ORDER 20-11

**EMERGENCY EX PARTE RULE**

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Adopted: March 23, 2020

Updated: April 23, 2021

Beginning March 24, 2020, all attorneys and self-represented litigants must submit ex parte orders to the Clark County Clerk's Office by 11:00AM to be reviewed by a judicial officer the same day.

Beginning March 23, 2020, all ex parte orders received in the Superior Court Clerk's Office by 11:00AM will be reviewed the same day by the assigned ex parte judicial officer. Ex parte orders received after 11:00AM will be reviewed the assigned ex parte judicial officer the next court business day.

Granted orders will be available at the Clark County Clerk's Office after 3:30PM on the day they are reviewed by the judicial officer or make other arrangements with the Clerk's Office to obtain orders.

All Family Law Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Orders and Orders to Show Cause shall be directed to the assigned judicial officer.

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Requests for Civil Protection orders shall be submitted ex parte per General Order 20-10  
Emergency Civil Protection Order Rule.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2021



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Scott A. Collier, Presiding Judge

Supersedes: Order Adopted March 23, 2020; Updated June 3, 2020

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Type of Order</b>	<b>Send to Ex-parte</b>	
All	Agreed Orders	Yes	Ex-parte judicial officer will review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Except for Agreed Probate/Guardianship Orders – direct party to Probate/Guardianship Judge.</i></li> </ul>
ALL (Assigned Dept.)	Orders to Show Cause	No	Direct party to assigned department
2	DVPO or Non-DV Order of Protection	Yes	Ex-parte judicial officer will review
3 & 5 No assigned department	New Family Law / Civil Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee waivers &amp; any other orders, including TROs</li> </ul>	Yes	Ex-parte judicial officer will review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Judicial officer will need to set hearing date/time for orders requiring a hearing.</i></li> </ul>
3 & 5 (Assigned Dept.)	Family Law – Existing Case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Modification - Fee Waiver Only</i></li> </ul>	Yes	Ex-parte judicial officer will review
3 & 5 (Assigned Dept.)	Family Law – Existing Case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restraining Order or Order to Show Cause (with or without fee waiver)</li> </ul>	No	Direct party to assigned judicial officer
4	New Probate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment of Personal Rep (<b>not contested</b>)</li> </ul>	Yes	Ex-parte judicial officer will review
4	New Probate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment of Personal Rep (<b>contested</b>)</li> </ul>	No	Direct party to Probate/Guardianship Judge
4	New Guardianship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee Waivers &amp; Appointments of GAL</li> <li>• GAL orders for extension or additional hours</li> </ul>	Yes	Ex-parte judicial officer will review
4	Guardianship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed Orders</li> <li>• Any other order not mentioned above</li> </ul>	No	Direct party to Probate/Guardianship Judge