

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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) Clerk's Action Required
) **No. 97-51**
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) Video Conference Proceedings
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective March 24, 1997 the following rule shall apply in all video conference proceedings conducted in King County District Court:

Criminal. Preliminary appearances as defined by CrR 3.2(b) and CrRLJ 3.2.1(d), arraignments as defined by CrR 3.4 and 4.1 and CrRLJ 3.4 and 4.1, bail hearings as defined by CrR 3.2 and CrRLJ 3.2, and trial settings as defined by CrR 3.3 and CrRLJ 3.3(f), conducted via video conference in which all participants can simultaneously see, hear, and speak with each other shall be deemed held in open court and in the defendant's presence for the purposes of any statute, court rule or policy. All video conference hearings conducted pursuant to this rule shall be public, and the public shall be able to simultaneously see and hear all participants and speak as permitted by the trial court judge. Any party may request an in-person hearing, which may in the trial court judge's discretion be granted.

Agreement. Other trial court proceedings including the entry of a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty as defined by CrR 4.2 and CrRLJ 4.2 may be conducted by video conference only by agreement of the parties either in writing or on the record and upon the approval of the trial court judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this rule shall remain in effect only until adoption of a Supreme Court rule governing video proceedings.

DONE this 6th day of March, 1997



JUDGE JAMES D. CAYCE, PRESIDING JUDGE
KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT