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CLERK'S ALERT

Notice Regarding Minor Guardianship Procedures

Effective immediately, minor guardianship (or prior non-parental custody) actions brought pursuant to RCW 11.130 or former RCW 26.10 are no longer initiated and managed in the ex parte department.

If a party requires an immediate (same day) hearing, the party shall email minorgdn_immediate_hearing@kingcounty.gov to request a hearing. The bailiff will work with the party to set an immediate hearing. Reasonable notice must be provided to the responding parents or other notice parties, unless the minor's health, safety, or welfare will be substantially harmed before a hearing with notice can be held.

Any other motion or hearing will be heard by the assigned judge as identified in the Case Schedule Orders provided at the time the Petition is filed.

The court has issued a [general order](#) that supersedes LCR 98.22.



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