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CLERK'S ALERT

DATE: November 15, 2007

TO: Clark County Bar Association
Diane Wheeler, Executive Director

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New Information available on the website:

New case and judgment listings -

You can now access two new listings on our website. The first is a list of all new public cases filed the previous day and the second is judgments entered or changed. They are located at the bottom of the Court Docket page at:

www.clark.wa.gov/courts/superior/docket.html

Guardianship Forms/Schedules/Updates -

Accounting of Guardian, Personal Care Plan and Inventory forms are now available at: www.clark.wa.gov/courts/documents.html. Also on that page are the 2008 Judges' Rotation Schedule and a revised version of the Roadmap to the Clerk's Office.

Domestic pro se forms/checklists/resources -

Many new resources have been added to the Facilitator's page of our website at: www.clark.wa.gov/courts/clerk/family-court.html. There is a listing of packets available for sale in our office, checklists regarding forms, procedures and hearings and resources for free form downloads and where to find help with family law matters.

Clerk's Alerts –

Copies of all of the articles in the Bar News are available on our website at:

www.clark.wa.gov/courts/clerk/alert.html.

Packets available at the Clerk's Office:

Vacate a felony conviction –

Packets are now available at the criminal counter of the Clerk's office. The cost of the packet is \$15.00.

Vulnerable Adult Protection Orders -

As of October 1, 2007, statewide pattern forms have been created and posted on the Washington Courts website at www.courts.wa.gov/forms. Petitioners are mandated to use these new forms.

These types of orders are typically filed by DSHS – Adult Protective Services caseworkers or a guardian ad litem on behalf of an incapacitated adult, but now can be filed by any concerned party.

If there is an active guardianship case type “4”, the petition for a protection order needs to be filed as a case type “2”. This is necessary in order to allow us to enter the protective order data in the statewide system so that the existence of these orders can be viewable statewide.

The Clerk’s office provides forms and packets free of charge. No fees are charged for filing or copies of orders provided to the sheriff for entry. Make sure a Law Enforcement Information sheet is provided whenever an order is signed and filed.

If the petitioner is requesting a temporary protection order, it needs to be presented on Superior Court’s daily ex-parte docket at 1:15 p.m. for review by a judge or court commissioner. The final hearing needs to be scheduled on the weekly probate docket.

Meretricious Relationship cases:

There has been some confusion about where Meretricious Relationship cases should be docketed. The confusion has been that, although they are family law type cases, they are filed as civil cases. After discussing this with the family law judges, it was decided that these cases would follow the same procedures as any other family law matter. The commissioners will hear temporary orders.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 360-397-2292 x2287 or my chief deputy, Teri Nielsen at 360 397-2292 x4242.