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8 **KITSAP COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**  
9 **KITSAP COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**  
10 **STATE OF WASHINGTON**

11 IN RE THE KITSAP COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND  
12 THE PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF THE  
13 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

No. 2020-27

**EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER RE – PROHIBITING  
RECORDING OR POSTING REMOTE  
COURT PROCEEDINGS**

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16 **THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to the current**  
17 **pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).**

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19 WHEREAS, Washington State General Rule 16 generally allows video recording  
20 by news media in the courtroom during and between sessions, it requires prior permission  
21 of the judge; and

22 WHEREAS, the Superior and District Courts have announced an expansion of case  
23 types it will conduct remotely to ensure the safety and well-being of court staff, counsel,  
24 parties, and members of the public; and

25 WHEREAS, in order to comply with the State Constitutional requirements related  
26 to Open Courts, the Superior and District Courts have established the ability to conduct  
27 online remote hearings and trials using Court-designated Zoom access channels; and

28 WHEREAS, the streamed video feed is not considered an official record of the  
29 proceedings;  
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, that the prohibition on recording  
2 proceedings of the Superior and District Courts without prior judicial permission extends to  
3 recording the audio and video of remote proceedings; and

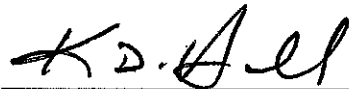
4 It is FURTHER ORDERED, that all lawyers, litigants, participants or observing  
5 members of the press or public are prohibited from taking photographs or recording video  
6 or audio during remote proceedings, except with written authorization by the Presiding  
7 Judge of the respective court or of the judicial officer conducting the hearing; and

8 It is FURTHER ORDERED, that no person participating in, or listening to, such a  
9 proceeding may rebroadcast, live-stream, or otherwise disseminate any live or recorded  
10 audio or video of the court proceeding, except with written authorization by the Presiding  
11 Judge of the respective court or of the judicial officer conducting the hearing; and

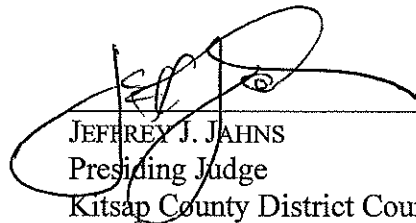
12 It is FURTHER ORDERED, that violation of this ORDER may subject the offender  
13 to removal, contempt of court, and other penalties as provided by law.

14 SO ORDERED.

15 DATED – SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

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18 KEVIN D. HULL  
19 Presiding Judge  
20 Kitsap County Superior Court

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23 JEFFREY J. JAHNS  
24 Presiding Judge  
25 Kitsap County District Court