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PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
BY PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN
WASHINGTON STATE

GENERAL ORDER
NO. 2020-03

WHEREAS On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID – 19).

WHEREAS on March 4, 2020 Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to the Presiding Judges of Washington courts to adopt, modify, and/or suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current public health emergency; and

WHEREAS the Governor has issued a proclamation closing all restaurants, bars, entertainment and recreational centers, among many other businesses, which may

1 cause many of our defendants to lose employment and out of respect for the economic
2 hardship the current public health emergency has created; and

3 WHEREAS on March 16, 2020 this Court signed General Order 2020-02, which
4 suspended all in court hearings, with a few exceptions, as of March 17, 2020. IT IS
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6 HEREBY ORDERED, that

7 1) Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all due dates for payment are
8 extended by ninety (90) from the date of this Order.

9 2) No referrals to collections will be made for ninety (90) days from the date
10 of this Order.
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12 Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.

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15 JUDY RAE JASPRICA
16 PRESIDING JUDGE
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