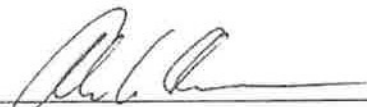


**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES**

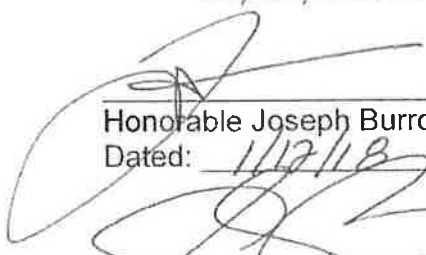
IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING)
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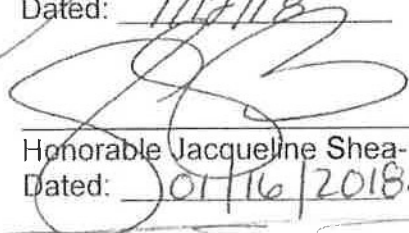
Pursuant to General Rule 7 (a) (1) and 7 (e) (2), the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for Benton and Franklin Counties hereby orders that the Local Rule of Court, LGR 3, attached hereto and incorporated by herein, is adopted and an emergency and permanent local rule effective on the date it is hereafter filed with the Washington Administrative Office of the Court.



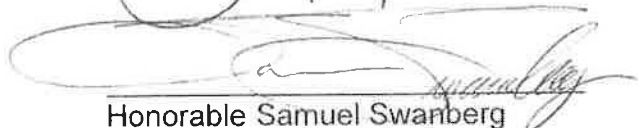
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Presiding Judge
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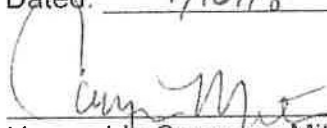
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Honorable Samuel Swanberg
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Honorable Bruce A. Spanner
Assistant Presiding Judge
Dated: 1/16/18



Honorable Cameron Mitchell
Dated: 1/16/18



Honorable Carrie Runge
Dated: 1/16/18

Local General Rule 3
FILES AND "PAPERLESS COURT"

- (a) The clerks of Benton and Franklin Counties shall keep and maintain paper files for all cases and file types, by forthwith filing all pleadings and papers in paper files, except as may be otherwise authorized in writing by the Court.
- (b) The clerks of Benton and Franklin Counties shall make up-to-date paper files for all cases and case types available to the Court, as directed by its judicial officers.
- (c) While paperless courts are preferable, they should only be implemented after careful consideration of the impacts upon the Court, the legal community and the public, and only after case management systems have been configured so all of their capabilities are realized. Accordingly, neither clerk shall attempt or purport to operate with "paperless" processes unless and until the same has been approved in writing by the court. Permission will not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that appropriate workflows and work queues have been implemented, that equipment and processes have been acquired and developed to facilitate electronic signatures, and that the paperless processes do not adversely affect the Court's ability to conduct court proceedings and other court functions. As directed by the Court, the Clerks shall work diligently, collaboratively and harmoniously with the Court to satisfy all of the conditions precedent to "paperless" court, as set forth above. In so doing, the clerks shall conform to the direction of the Court.
- (d) Pursuant to GR7(e) this rule shall become effective immediately upon filing the same with the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts.

[Adopted Effective January 16, 2018]