

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KITSAP COUNTY

IN RE:

LOCAL RULES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF WASHINGTON FOR KITSAP COUNTY

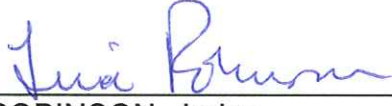
EMERGENCY ORDER
AMENDING LOCAL COURT
RULES


Pursuant to Civil Rules for Superior Court, the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Kitsap County hereby adopts the following emergency local rules, local rule amendments, and/or associated forms exhibits, to be effective September 1, 2025:


KCLCR 11(a) Signing and Drafting of Pleadings, Motions, And Legal
Memoranda: Sanctions; Accuracy of Pleadings


Copies of these rules are attached.


DATED and SIGNED this 22nd day of July, 2025.



TINA ROBINSON, Judge
Department No. 1

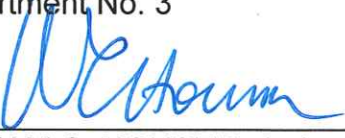

JEFFREY P. BASSETT, Judge
Department No. 5



MICHELLE ADAMS, Judge
Department No. 2


KEVIN. D. HULL, Judge
Department No. 6


MELISSA A. HEMSTREET, Judge
Department No. 3


JENNIFER A. FORBES, Presiding Judge
Department No. 7


WILLIAM C. HOUSER, Judge
Department No. 4


CADINE FERGUSON-BROWN, Judge
Department No. 8

**KCLCR 11 SIGNING AND DRAFTING OF PLEADINGS, MOTIONS, AND LEGAL
MEMORANDA: SANCTIONS**

(a) Accuracy of Pleadings

1. Attorneys and unrepresented litigants are cautioned against submitting to the Court any pleading, written motion, or other paper drafted using generative artificial intelligence (e.g., ChatGPT, Harvey.AI, generative AI services) without checking the submission for accuracy as certain technologies may produce factually or legally inaccurate content and should never replace the lawyer's independent legal judgment. Any attorney or unrepresented litigant who signs a pleading, written motion, or other paper submitted to the Court will be held responsible for the contents of that filing under CR 11, regardless of whether generative artificial intelligence drafted any portion of that filing.
2. Any pleading offered by an attorney or unrepresented party that contains references to caselaw or statutes that do not exist shall be subject to sanctions — including nonmonetary directives, striking of a pleading, a penalty payable to the court, or payment to the opposing party of attorney's fees and expenses directly resulting from the violation—if, after notice and a reasonable opportunity to respond, the Court determines that CR 11 has been violated.
3. Attorneys are professionally trained to do legal research and are subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct which carry with it an explicit duty of candor to the court and other parties. As such, any violation of KCLCR 11(a)(2) by an attorney shall carry with it a presumptive sanction of \$2,000 per violation which may be increased, decreased, or waived by the court depending on the circumstances. Any such sanction shall be entered as a judgment against the attorney personally and not their client.

Amended by emergency order August 1, 2025; effective September 1, 2025.