

**DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR YAKIMA COUNTY**

**IN RE LOCAL RULES FOR
YAKIMA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the local rules for Yakima County District Court are hereby amended as indicated below. These amendments shall take effect on January 1, 2010, as the amendments are made pursuant to an emergency as provided by GR 9. The local rules being deleted herein are in conflict with or duplicative of State Rules and therefore should be promptly deleted. The changes to trial confirmations are made necessary by staffing issues which amount to an emergency.

L-CRLJ 26. Deleted

L-CRLJ 47. Deleted

L-CRLJ 40. Assignment of Cases

(b) Notice of Trial — Methods.

(1) *Note for Trial.* All trial settings will be made at the discretion of the Court after the issues have been joined.

(2) *Persons Notified.* Notice of the trial date will be given to the parties in person or by ordinary mail. Notice will also be provided to attorneys who have filed written notice of appearance.

(3) *Status Conference.* Every case set for jury trial or a Wednesday bench trial shall also be scheduled for a Status Conference approximately one week before trial. At the Status Conference, the court will determine whether the case is ready for trial, the estimated length of trial, whether discovery is complete, and any other matters that will promote the just, speedy, and efficient determination of the case.

L-CrRLJ 5.1.1. Trial by Jury

(e) Confirmation of Jury Trials

(1) Any case set for jury trial at the status conference shall be set for jury trial on a date certain. A confirmation hearing shall be set in the week prior to the jury trial date. All parties, including the defendant, shall be present. If the defendant fails to appear at the confirmation hearing, the jury trial shall be stricken and a warrant may be issued for the failure to appear. At the confirmation hearing, the parties shall advise the court either that the case shall proceed to jury trial as scheduled or that some other disposition has been reached.

DONE this 14th day of December, 2009.

DONALD ENGEL
ACTING PRESIDING JUDGE