

## NOTICE

Effective January 23, 2015, the Yakima County Superior Court hereby **SUSPENDS** LGR 15 which provides:

In all adult criminal and juvenile offender proceedings the Clerk of the Court shall seal and not permit examination of the following: medical evaluations, chemical dependency evaluations and reports, mental evaluations and reports containing medical history or medical background, and pre-sentence investigation/disposition reports. Sealed reports may be opened by petitioning the Court with a motion and notice to involved parties in conformity with GR 15. The parties to the action or their attorneys may view sealed reports without a court order.

Suspension and permanent repeal of LCR 15 will place the burden upon the parties to justify sealing a court record hereafter.

This local rule is suspended to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in *State of Washington v Chao Chen*, 178 Wn.2d 350, 309 P. 3<sup>rd</sup> 410 (2013) and recent appellate court decisions.

The Yakima Bar Association is invited to submit written comments to Presiding Judge David Elofson within the next 30 days concerning the suspension and proposed permanent repeal of LCR 15.