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21-4-00452-34
Thursday, September 23, 2021

TO: Family Law Clerk/Admin (360)709-3260/(360)709-3295
Thurston Co. Family & Juvenile Court
2801 32nd AVE SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

RE: Bench/working copies for commissioners/judges; Supreme Court of Washington, En Banc Abeda JAFAR, Petitioner, v. William Douglass WEBB, Respondent. No. 87009-8. Decided: May 23, 2013.

I, John Smith, as the movant, am enclosing bench/working copies of the notice to continue in cause numbers 21-4-00443-34 & 21-00452-34 seeking review of my motion to join/intervene under CR 19 & 24 as well as challenge the improper claim to jurisdiction in the matter of a family custody dispute. I'm doing so because I cannot afford the mandatory fees associated with having the clerk's office print out working copies and especially for the required record amounting to almost 2,000 pages. This is both a financial hardship on myself as well as my daughter. In any event, please insure the enclosed working copies reach judge Schaller's bench in a timely manner before 10-1-21.

My understanding of Jafar v. Webb is that an indigent party/litigant cannot be denied meaningful access to the courts even though the Thurston County Superior Court clerk's office provides the paid working copies as a courtesy and it is not statutorily required, per se. Nevertheless, what is required under local court rules, is bench copies of pleadings and documents submitted to the court in family law/probate cases. This is especially burdensome in the case of poor/destitute litigants and effectively serves as a bar to access to the courts inasmuch as it is a convenience to wealthy litigants and an impediment to the poor. Arguably, it also flies in the face of the Jafar v. Webb ruling. Judges have even better access to Odyssey records than attorneys and litigants. That access need not require a printer. Since the court has invested in Odyssey to extend access to the court in a manner that transcends time and distance, printed working copies requirements from the poor should be relaxed just as it has for original submissions via the electronic filing system in Thurston—clearly a large step in the right direction.

Cordially,

John Smith

John Smith, grandfather

Superior Family & Juvenile Court of
Washington for Thurston County

In Re: Emergency Guardianship of
Raven Gaia & Onawa Kachina Smith-Wells

Respondent(s): The Minor Child(ren)

NO. 21-4-00452-34

NOTICE OF HEARING

→CONTINUED (NTCNT) ← or
STRICKEN/CANCELED (NT)

(Movant: John Smith, grandfather seeking review
of denied Motion to Join per CR 19 & 24 as well as
challenge to proper jurisdiction, service of process,
abuse of discretion, et ux)

To: Thurston Family Ct. Clerk: Note Mailed Bench Copies →2801 32nd Ave, SW, Tumwater 98512

Who may use this form? The moving party (the party who scheduled the hearing) may use this form.

If you are not the moving party, you must appear at the hearing or have the moving party file this form.

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THIS FORM CANNOT BE USED TO SET OR CONTINUE HEARINGS PREVIOUSLY STRICKEN

YOU CANNOT STRIKE OR CONTINUE A HEARING SET BY COURT ORDER, EXCEPT AS ALLOWED BY LGALR 5.1(B).

DIRECTIONS: (Continuance Notice to all parties of record on 7-29-21 is being e-mailed to them today.)

- Complete either (1) or (2) below.
 - Please **FILE AT CLERK'S OFFICE** at least 2 court days before the scheduled hearing.
 - Deliver a **BENCH COPY** to the Court at least 2 days before the hearing
 - It is YOUR responsibility to notify the opposing party.
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The Motion to Revise hearing currently scheduled for October 1, 2021,

(Type of Hearing)

(Date)

on the Schaller Motion to Revise calendar set by Notice filed on 9-20-21 is:

(Calendar Name)

(Date)

1. Continued to: Date 10-29-21, Time 10:am. The current hearing date will be stricken. If you receive notification that the calendar you are continuing your hearing to is full or canceled, you will need to file a new Notice of Hearing (do not use this form).

☐ Hearing Continued: Petitioner Requested (PR)

☒ Hearing Continued: Movant (John Smith, grandfather) Requested (DR)

2. Stricken/Canceled

☐ Hearing Canceled: Petitioner Requested (PR)

☐ Hearing Canceled: Respondent Requested (DR)

Dated: 9-23-21

John Smith

Attorney/Party Signature & Bar Number (if attorney)

John Smith, grandfather (movant)

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