



Spokane County Court House

# SUPERIOR COURT FOR SPOKANE COUNTY

June 2, 2020

Guardianship Stakeholders

Greetings,

We hope this letter finds you and your families healthy and thriving. We know it has been a particularly difficult time both personally and professionally and we appreciate your patience over the past several weeks.

We wanted to reach out to you regarding our plans to utilize Zoom for video hearings. **We anticipate using Zoom beginning the week of June 15, 2020.** Zoom allows all parties, family members, and the public to participate in the hearing in a meaningful manner. If parties or attorneys do not have the technology to participate by video, Zoom still allows parties to participate telephonically. There is no expense for Zoom and hearing participants do not have to open an account to participate.

As uncomfortable as it can be for people, we are asking all professionals and parties to attend by video unless it is impossible to do so. While our teleconference method has worked, we believe that video hearings will provide a richer and more meaningful hearing.

To help with the transition, we will be holding Zoom Open Houses to allow Guardianship Stakeholders to become familiar with the features of Zoom. Please see attached for information about the Open Houses.

We know we will run into technical issues as we transition to a new platform and ask for everyone's patience while we work out the kinks. We look forward to "seeing" everyone soon.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Anderson  
Superior Court Judge