

the ex parte order, upon each party who has appeared in the cause; except that an order to show cause shall be served within the time fixed by the order.

(b) The court authorizes service under Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b) by electronic means

A paper properly filed by electronic means in accordance with the court's Electronic Filing Procedures for Civil and Criminal Cases is service for purposes of Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b). This provision does not alter Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d); Rule 26 initial disclosures and discovery requests and responses must not be filed until they are used in the proceedings or the court orders filing. If the recipient is not a registered participant in the CM/ECF system, service of the underlying document must be made by the filer in paper form according to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

(c) Reserved

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(e) Place of Filing and Trial

(1) In all civil cases in which all defendants reside, or in which the claim arose, in the counties of Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum, the case file will be maintained in Tacoma. The same criteria as set out above shall be used to determine the location of the file when cases are removed from state courts.

(2) In some circumstances, a judge of the court will order that a case which would otherwise be considered a Tacoma case under CR 5(e)(1) be assigned to a Seattle judge, and *vice versa*. When that happens, the files will be maintained in the city where the assigned judge maintains an office.

(f) Proof of Service

Proof of service of all filings required or permitted to be served, other than those for which a method of proof is prescribed in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, shall be made by a certificate or acknowledgment of service on the document itself, or by a separate filing if necessary. Failure to make the proof of service required by this subdivision does not affect the validity of the service and the court may at any time allow the proof of service to be amended or supplied unless it clearly appears that to do so would result in material prejudice to any party.

(g) Sealing of Court Records