

**INFORMATION FOR *PRO SE* DEFENDANTS IN CRIMINAL CASES**

The Honorable Tana Lin

Parties who represent themselves in criminal matters (*i.e.*, appear *pro se*) should be aware that the Court holds them to the same standards of conduct to which it holds attorneys.

*Pro se* litigants should review and follow Judge Lin's Standing Order for Criminal Cases, which is available at: <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/sites/wawd/files/LinStandingOrderreCriminalCases.pdf>.

The following links may also be helpful to *pro se* defendants in criminal cases:

- The Local Rules (including the Local Criminal Rules, which apply to all criminal cases) and General Orders for the Western District of Washington can be found at: <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/local-rules-and-orders>.
- A PDF version of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure can be found at: [https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/federal\\_rules\\_of\\_criminal\\_procedure\\_december\\_1\\_2022\\_0.pdf](https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/federal_rules_of_criminal_procedure_december_1_2022_0.pdf). An unofficial online version of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure can be found at: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcrmp>.
- Additional information about how to represent yourself in matters before the Western District of Washington, including how to electronically file and receive case documents, is available at: <https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/representing-yourself-pro-se>.

If you would like to seek a lawyer to represent you in a criminal or related civil matter, you can contact:

- Washington State Bar Association at [www.wsba.org](http://www.wsba.org).
- King County Bar Association at [www.kcba.org](http://www.kcba.org).