

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF TACOMA

IN THE MATTER OF

**Emergency Response to IT Service Outage
from the Administrative Office of the Court**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2024-01**

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2024, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) identified unauthorized activity on the Washington Courts network,

WHEREAS, AOC took immediate action to isolate critical AOC-provided systems, requiring the full shut down of court systems and applications impacting all Washington courts statewide, and

WHEREAS, system outage impacts Enterprise Justice (EJ), Judicial Access Browser System (JABS), Electronic Ticket Processing (ETP) and Sector case filings, Inside Courts web-based court resources, Washington Courts web-based resources, and communication channels, and

WHEREAS, these systems are required to complete standard operations of the Court, and

WHEREAS, system outage impacts court, public and private defense, prosecutor, law enforcement, and other justice stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, on this date and the signing of this Order, AOC has not determined a date of resolution for the system outage.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Time for filing of criminal citations pursuant to CrRLJ 2.1(c)(2) shall be suspended.
2. Time for trial on all criminal cases shall be excluded pursuant to CrRLJ 3.3(e)(8).
3. Time for settings and notices pursuant to 3.3(d) shall be suspended.
4. Time for Arraignment in criminal matters pursuant to CrRLJ 4.1 shall be suspended.
5. All contested and mitigation infraction hearings set during the period of outage shall be stricken and reset to a future date.
6. Time for filing of notice of infractions pursuant to IRLJ 2.2(d) shall be suspended.
7. Time for setting Contested and Mitigation hearings pursuant to IRLJ 2.6(a)(b) shall be suspended.

Local Court Rule TMCLGR 30.1 Electronic Filing and Service will remain in effect.

The court finds that these orders are required in the administration of justice due to the unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances caused by the AOC statewide system and application outage.

This Order shall apply to all matters impacted by the AOC statewide system and application outage effective November 3, 2024, and shall remain in effect until resolution of the AOC system outage at which time this Order shall expire.

DATED this 12th day of November 2024.



Drew A. Henke, Presiding Judge