

# CLERK'S ALERT

**DATE:** June 8, 2007

**TO:** Clark County Bar Association  
Diane Wheeler, Executive Director

**FROM:** Sherry W. Parker, Clark County Clerk  
Teri A. Nielsen, Chief Deputy Clerk

## **Termination/Adoption Docket Time Change:**

The **Adoption Docket** is now being heard every Friday at **2:00 pm** by Judge Poyfair in the Department 4 courtroom on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the courthouse. Judge Poyfair will also hear the **Termination Docket at 1:30 pm** each Friday.

The Probate/Guardianship Docket will be heard by the non-jury judge on Friday at 1:30 pm as before.

## **Law Enforcement Information Sheets:**

The Clerk's Office is receiving many restraining orders filed without Law Enforcement Information sheets. We need your assistance because these forms **must** accompany a restraining order so that the law enforcement records department can enter the restraining order into the statewide computer system.

The order should also clearly specify that the Clark County Sheriff's Office should enter it into the system. The Clerk's Office will forward a certified copy of the order, as filed, to the Sheriff's Office as we are required to do.

However, if there are any problems with the order, the Sheriff's Office returns the restraining order to us, indicating what needs to be corrected. We then put that correction notice in the attorney's folder in the lobby of the Clerk's Office.

It is very important to correct any errors or provide any missing information and return it to the Clerk's Office as quickly as possible. Most of the time the order cannot be entered into the law enforcement computer database until the missing information is provided. These problems delay the entry of the restraining order by several days and could leave your client unprotected.

**Please**, file these forms properly or ask the Clerk's Office for help.

## **New Bill Information:**

SB 5336 (Domestic Partnerships) - Declarations of state registered domestic partnerships are filed with the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) along with a filing fee as set by the OSOS to cover costs, provided the fee does not exceed \$50. The declarations must be notarized and signed by both parties. The new Domestic Partnership forms will be posted on the OSOS website one week before the effective date of the law 7-22-07. The three page form contains instructions and will be in a pdf format that allows the users to type in information. The OSOS would prefer parties to **type** the forms. Their website address is [www.secstate.wa.gov](http://www.secstate.wa.gov) . They currently have FAQs on this new law on their website. To get to the FAQs, click on the little house icon that says “Domestic Partnerships” on the lower right corner of the home page.

SB 5470 (Omnibus Dissolution Proceeding Bill) – Makes many changes affecting family law cases with varied implementation dates and caveats tied to funding. Updates will be provided as we learn more from our association.