

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

01-05-06 Request by Honorable Gregory Banks, Island County Prosecuting Attorney

Do the judges of the superior court of a county have authority to adopt local court rules that mandate the details of how or when the clerk does her job? For example, do the judges have authority to adopt a court rule that requires the clerk to docket and physically place pleadings, briefs and all other original filed documents in the superior court file folder within three days of when the documents are received and filed with the county clerk? If the superior court has such authority, what sanctions can the superior court impose upon the clerk should she not be in compliance with the rule? This question is based on Skagit Cy local rule 10(d), effective September 1, 2000.

