

WSR 21-23-022
RULES OF COURT
STATE SUPREME COURT
[November 5, 2021]

IN THE MATTER OF THE ) ORDER
SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO ) NO. 25700-A-1383
RALJ 9.2—ENTRY OF DECISION, )
ISSUANCE OF MANDATE, AND )
ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT )

The Washington State Bar Association Court Rules Committee, having recommended the adoption of the suggested amendment to RALJ 9.2—Entry of Decision, Issuance of Mandate, and Enforcement of Judgment, and the Court having considered the suggested amendment, and having determined that the suggested amendment will aid in the prompt and orderly administration of justice;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

(a) That the suggested amendment as shown below is adopted.

(b) That pursuant to the emergency provisions of GR 9 (j) (1), the suggested amendment will be expeditiously published in the Washington Reports and will become effective upon publication.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of November, 2021.

Johnson, J. Gordon McCloud, J.
Madsen, J. Yu, J.
Owens, J. Montoya-Lewis, J.
Stephens, J. Whitener, J.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT
RULE 9.2

Entry of Decision, Issuance of Mandate, and Enforcement of Judgment

(a) Entry of Decision in Superior Court. The decision of the superior court shall be entered immediately after it is signed by the judge, and shall be deemed entered for all procedural purposes from the time of delivery to the superior court clerk for filing.

(b) Mandate Defined. A "mandate" is the written notification by the clerk of the superior court to the trial court and to the parties of the superior court decision.

(c) Transmittal of Superior Court Mandate. The clerk of the superior court shall issue the mandate to the court of limited jurisdiction and to each party not earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days after the filing of the decision in superior court, unless a party files a timely notice for discretionary review.

(d) Copies Provided in Criminal Case. When the appellate court remands a criminal case to the trial court, the clerk of the appellate court shall transmit a copy of the mandate to the presiding judge of the trial court, to trial counsel of record, and to the clerk of the trial court.

(e) Entry of Decision in Court of Limited Jurisdiction. The court of limited jurisdiction shall comply with the mandate of the superior court and shall enter the judgment for enforcement in the court of limited jurisdiction.

**(f) Enforcement of Judgment in Court of Limited Jurisdiction.** Except as otherwise provided in these rules, enforcement of a judgment following termination of appeal shall be in the court of limited jurisdiction.

**(g) Registration of Judgment in Superior Court.** A judgment entered in the court of limited jurisdiction may be registered and enforced in the superior court as authorized by law.