

LSPR 94.01 CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OVER FAMILY COURT

(a) Contemporaneous Actions. Contemporaneous actions are actions filed in the FJC involving the same family or child and having court action within the previous 12 months.

(b) Concurrent Jurisdiction by Rule. The FJC shall have concurrent jurisdiction over any contemporaneous action, under sections 11.130.185-.260 RCW, chapters 13.32A or 13.34 RCW or Title 26 RCW, except chapters 26.33 RCW and 7.105 RCW, unless a party shows good cause why the court should not exercise concurrent jurisdiction, or, unless on its own motion, the court determines that concurrent jurisdiction should not be exercised.

(c) Concurrent Actions by Court Order. Actions filed under chapter 26.33 RCW, chapter 28A.225 RCW, Title 13 RCW, and any other action assigned to the FJC may be subject to concurrent jurisdiction upon a showing of good cause. An order shall be entered identifying any case subject to concurrent jurisdiction that is not identified in subsection (b).

(d) Case Information Cover Sheet. To assist in the identification of concurrent actions, a Case Information Cover Sheet shall be completed upon filing of any action in the FJC.

(e) Exception for Court Commissioner Rotations. When a court commissioner rotates to another position, contemporaneous actions do not apply to the cases the court commissioner was previously hearing, absent an order maintaining jurisdiction.

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