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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OF RAP 18.8(b) IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY	ORDER No. 25700-B-659

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals are aware of the difficulties that the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic poses for litigants making a good faith effort to timely seek appellate review in accordance with the Rules of Appellate Procedures (RAP),

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Court's authority to administer justice and to ensure the safety of court personnel, litigants, and the public, and the Court's authority to take emergency action with respect to rules pursuant to GR 9(j)(1),

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That RAP 18.8(b) is suspended as to all notices of appeal, notices for discretionary review, motions for discretionary review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, petitions for review, and motions for reconsideration. This Order takes effect nunc pro tunc to December 1, 2020.

2. That during the period of time RAP 18.8(b) is suspended, all motions for extension of time that would be governed by RAP 18.8(b) will be decided in accordance with the "ends of justice" standard set forth in RAP 18.8(a), up to a period of 90 days from the applicable due date for filing each document.

3. That this Order remains in effect until July 31, 2021.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 22nd day of February, 2021.

For the Court

González C.J.
CHIEF JUSTICE