

Upper Kittitas County District Court  
State of Washington

**General Order Re:** )  
An acceptable form of "digital signature" for electronic )  
Documents filed in the Upper Kittitas County District Court & )  
Non-attorney signatures signed under penalty of perjury. )

This matter coming before the Court on its own motion pursuant to the "comment" contained in General (GR) Rule 30 that:

The form of "digital signature" that is acceptable is not limited to the procedure defined by chapter 19.34 RCW, but may include other equivalently reliable forms of authentication as adopted by local court rule or general order.

Now, therefore the Court hereby makes the following **General Order**:

The Court, finding that a typed signature which is authenticated by use of an authorized user ID and password is a form of "digital signature" which is equivalently reliable to the procedure for "digital signature" defined by chapter 19.34 RCW, now, hereby, defines "digital signature" to include a typed signature which is authenticated by use of an authorized user ID and password in an electronically filed document.

Pursuant to RCW 9A.72.085 and this General Order, when an original document requires the signature of a non-attorney signed under penalty of perjury and that document is filed electronically, the certification or declaration may be in substantially the following form:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am entering my authorized user id and password to authenticate it.

Signed on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (signer's name)  
(Date signed) (Place signed) (Signer's name & title)

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2010.

  
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Darrel R. Ellis, Judge