

**PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

As of January 1, 2021, the New Minor Guardianship statute, RCW 11.130.185 et seq. took effect and RCW 26.10 regarding Non-Parental Custody petitions was repealed. This repeal also included Modification of a Non-Parental Custody Decree which is now under the new minor guardianship statutes (see RCW 11.130.245). Modification or Termination of an existing Non-Parental Custody decree, should be filed as a minor guardianship (type 4) case. Washington Courts published new mandatory pattern forms ([www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms)) which are required when filing a Petition to Terminate or Change a Minor Guardianship or Non-Parent Custody Order. See Washington Pattern form GDN M 502.

[Governor Inslee's Proclamation of December 30, 2020](#), extended the deadline to resolve any pending Non Parental Custody cases (including modifications of a NPC decree) that had been filed on or before December 31, 2020, but prohibits anyone from filing a new third party custody case pursuant to RCW 26.10. There is no definite date as to when the extension period will end (until the COVID state of emergency ends or notice by the governor and legislature), so please work to get your case resolved as soon as possible.