

Skagit County Superior Court

TELEPHONE HEARING RULES

All hearings are audibly recorded. To ensure a clear record is made, the parties and judge cannot speak at the same time.

1. Call from a phone with a good connection.
2. Call from a quiet location to reduce background noise
3. Call the designated line 5 minutes before your hearing is set to start.
4. Mute your phone to reduce background noise while waiting for your case to be called.
5. Do not announce yourself when you appear Wait to be called by the Judge during roll call or when your case is called to be heard.
6. Unmute your phone when the Judge calls your case and while your case is being heard unless otherwise directed by the Judge.
7. If you are represented by an attorney, talk to your attorney before the hearing to decide who will be speaking.
8. Identify your name for the record when you speak. Example: “This is Ms./Mr. ____.”
9. Speak loudly and clearly.
10. Follow direction from the Judge about when it is your turn to speak.
11. If you have an objection to what the other side is saying, simply state, “objection”. If you hear the person for the other side say “objection,” you must stop speaking and wait for direction from the Judge as to who should speak next.
12. Do not interrupt or talk over a person who has been called upon by the Judge.
13. When your phone is off mute, you must be in a quiet location away from young children or other background noise so we can hear you.