FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In most cases, "X" marks the spot where you would go to seek an answer to the question indicated Multiple "X's" for the same question indicate the location depends on your specific case/jurisdiction The County Clerk and Superior Court are separate offices in 37 of the 39 counties

In King and Clallam counties, the Clerk is part of the Superior Court

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GENERAL QUESTIONS													4
Where can I report a crime? How do I schedule an interpreter?		Х	X		Х	Х							-
Where can I get a list of approved County		X	^										-
arbitrators?													
Where do I get the list of approved Guardians		Х											1
Ad Litem (GAL) or how can I be added to the registries?													
How can I get a list of approved County mediators?		Х											
Where do I get a concealed weapons permit?					Χ	Х							1
What level of court handles misdemeanor			Х										
criminal offenses?													
Where do I get a passport?	Benton	County	Clerk	& som	e US F	ost Of	fices	1		1			1
Where can I register to vote?										X			1
I NEED AN ATTORNEY/HELP													
I don't have an attorney and cannot afford	Х	Х	Х										1
one. I might go to Jail. Who can I call?													1
How do I find an attorney?		t your lo											
How do I find an attorneyI cannot afford one?	Contac	t NW Ju	ıstice F	Project	CLEAI	R @ 1-	888-20	01-101	4.				
Where can I get general legal information?	www.W	/ashingt	onLaw	Help.c	rg OR	www	.lawfor	wa.org	1				
FORMS													
Where do I go to buy forms?	Х		Х										
Where can I obtain legal forms on-line?	www.co	ourts.wa	.gov/fo	orms		•	•						1
JURY DUTY													
How do I get excused from jury duty?	Х												
How do I change the date of my jury duty?	Х												
DRIVING/TRAFFIC													
Where can I file or get a copy of an accident					X	X							4
report?					, ,	, ,							
Where do I get a copy of a police report?					Χ	Χ							1
How do I get an officer to appear in court?	Х		Х										1
Where can I get a copy of my driver's									Х				-
abstract?									, ,				
Where do I pay traffic, non-traffic and parking			Х										1
tickets?													
Will parking tickets go on my driving record?			Х										
													1
Where do I ask for a mitigation or contested			Х										1
hearing?													
How do I get a placard and/or handicapped license plates?										X			
Where do I get my car tabs renewed?										X			ı
I OWE FINES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS	V		V	V									1
How do I make payments for court imposed obligations I owe?	Х		Х	Х									
IN CUSTODY													ı
Where can I find out if someone was picked							X						1
up?													1
Where do I find out if someone is in jail?							Х						1
Where do I go to post bond/bail?	Х						1						1
RESTORE RIGHTS													1
How do I get my voting rights back?	Х												1
How do I get my gun rights back?	Х								Х				1
FINDING/RESPONDING TO LAWSUITS													
How/where do I file a civil lawsuit over	Х												1
\$50,000?													
How/where do I file a civil lawsuit under \$50,000?	Х		Х										
Where do I file a small claims (\$4000 and under) action?			Х										

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE												
Where do I get a DV protection order?	Х		Х									
Where do I get a protection order for unlawful		District C				is und	ler 18 c	or if pa	rtners h	nave a	child	
narassment?		er go to										
Where do I get a no-contact order?		n only g								a part o	of that a	actio
How do I lift a no-contact order?	Go to t	he clerk	of the	court t	that iss	ued th	e no-co	ontact	order.			
COURT DETAILS												
Can I talk to the judge? Where do I go to file an appeal from district or municipal court?	Х	X	X									
Where do I go to file a probate or guardianship action?	Х											
Where do I go to review a court file?	Х		Х		1							
Where do I go to copy documents in a court file?	X		X									
How do I file documents into a Superior Court file?	Х											
Where can I get a copy of the Local Court Rules?		Х										
What are bench copies and who gets them?	Х	Х	Х									
How do I schedule a trial date or hearing date?		Х	Х									
Who handles the regularly scheduled calendars (depends on calendar/court)?	Х	Х	Х									
How can I find out if I'm on the trial calendar (depends on calendar/court)?		X	Х									
I can't be there for court when I am scheduled. What can I do?	Х		Х	Х								
FAMILY/MARRIAGE												
How can the courthouse facilitator help me? What are her/his hours?	Х	Х										
How do I file for a dissolution of marriage?	Х											
Where do I go for a restraining order?	Х											
Where do I get a marriage license?										Χ		
Can a judge marry us?		Х	X			1						
Where can I get a name changed?			X									
Where do I get a birth certificate?			١					X		141 1		_
Where do I get a copy of a death certificate?	deaths deaths	aths occ over 3 of prior to occurred	months July 1	s ago, o	call W	A State	Dept I	Health	@ 360	-236-4	313. F	or
Where do I file a will?	Х											
PROPERTY												
Where can I ask about how the value on my property was assessed?											Х	
Where do I go to contest the assessed value on my tax statement?											Х	
Where do I pay my property taxes?												Х
Local Variations o	f Abo	ove (Ques	stioi	ıs fo	or	Ben	ton	Cou	nty		
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LOCAL RESOURCES

509-783-1058 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-735-8388 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-783-1471 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-735-8476 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-735-6555 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-585-4208 or www.ci.kennewick.wa.us
509-786-1500 or www.ci.prosser.wa.us
509-942-7340 or www.ci.richland.wa.us
509-967-3425 or www.westrichland.org/police
509-786-2046/509-736-3088 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-735-2394 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-786-5620 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-736-2727 or www.co.benton.wa.us
509-735-3591 or www.co.benton.wa.us

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Benton County Treasurer's Office (Prosser)	509-786-2255/736-3087 or www.co.benton.wa.us
Benton County Treasurer's Office (Kenn)	509-735-8505 or www.co.benton.wa.us
Benton County Jail	509-783-1451/786-5613 or www.co.benton.wa.us
Benton County Health Department	509-786-1633 or www.co.benton.wa.us
Juvenile Justice Center	509-783-2151 or www.tcfn.org/juvy/benton
Benton/Franklin Legal Aid	509-734-9840
NW Justice Project/CLEAR	888-201-1014
Dispute Resolution Center	509-783-3325
State Department of Licensing (DOL)	360-902-3600 or www.dol.wa.gov
Washington State Patrol	360-753-6540 http://www.wsp.wa.gov/

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