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Re: RTC Implementation Memo No. 5

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Attached to this memo is a spreadsheet outlining the current status of actions taken to stand up the right to counsel (RTC) program for indigent tenants. This is updated through 9-9-21.

As you can see, we have hired and trained many of the attorneys who will be deployed to provide RTC services. A number of these attorneys sat for the Washington State Bar and are awaiting results. Others have still to complete the training protocol.

We have only received communications from ten (10) courts regarding orders/protocols outlining the RTC screening and appointment process. These are listed in the Excel sheet.

As of now, OCLA is preparing to certify the following counties effective October 1, 2021:

- Jefferson
- Skamania
- Pacific
- Lewis
- Grays Harbor
- San Juan
- King
- Snohomish
- Pierce
- Okanogan

Any help SCJA might provide in encouraging other courts to negotiate and finalize RTC screening, assignment, and appointment protocols/orders would be appreciated.