Chelan County District Court LCrRLJ 3.2 Release of Accused

- (o) **Domestic Violence Offenses.** Any person subjected to custodial arrest for any offense classified as Domestic Violence under Chapter 10.99 of the Revised Code of Washington or an equivalent ordinance shall be held in jail without bail pending their first appearance in court.
- (p) Approving Bail. Bail bondsmen, who have justified their qualifications to the District Court in the manner set forth hereafter, shall be deemed approved to provide bail bonds to defendants in criminal cases in an amount not exceeding the limits prescribed in the order of justification. All petitions shall be accompanied by a proposed order of justification. An initial petition shall be accompanied by a full filing fee. Renewal petitions shall be accompanied by an exparte fee. Petition for renewal must be filed on or before April 30 of each year otherwise a full filing fee is due. The petition for renewal will include a verified statement that either there have been no material changes since the last petition or will set forth the changes.

Upon failure of a bondsman to pay into the court, within ten (10) days of notice of an ordered forfeiture, the amount of any bond forfeited by order of the court, the justification of said bail bondsman shall be immediately revoked. The sum so deposited shall be held in the registry of the court for sixty (60) days and should the person for whose appearance the bond was given be produced within said period, the judge may vacate the order and judgment forfeiting the bond on such terms as may be just and equitable. In any case where the bondsman has not previously justified qualification, the bond must be submitted to and approved by the presiding judge or the judge's designee. In order to obtain prior justification and approval of the court to provide bonds as an individual surety, the following requirements shall be met:

- (1) Provide the court verifiable documentary evidence of qualification, including but not limited to a current financial statement.
- (2) Provide a current list of all bonds on which the bondsman is obligated in any court of this state, including on the list the name of the court and defendant and the amount of the bond.

In the case of individuals seeking prior justification to write bail bonds on behalf of a corporate surety, the applicant must provide the court with the following:

- (1) A certified copy of a power of attorney showing authorization of the applicant to act for the corporate surety.
- (2) A letter from the Insurance Commissioner of Washington State indicating that the corporate surety is authorized to do business in this state.

The judge of the court may approve and justify any bail bondsman upon receipt of the above
information. In the event of disqualification, the bail bondsman shall be promptly notified and may seek
a hearing before the judge on the issues of qualification.

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