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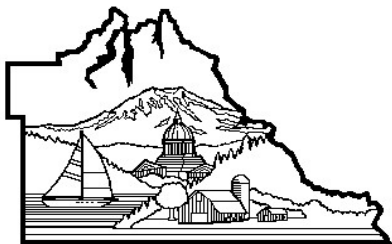
# **MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

*Court Rule 59*

# 8-12

*✓ You Want to Request that the Court  
Reconsider its Recent Order or Decision*

*✓ No More than Ten (10) calendar days have elapsed  
Since the Written Order was entered with the Court*



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## HOW TO FILE A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION IN A FAMILY LAW ACTION

*Local Court Rule 59*

### CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ The Court has recently made an oral/written decision in this matter AND TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS OR LESS have passed since the entry of that written Order;
- ✓ You believe the Judge/Court Commissioner made significant error in that decision; and/or
- ✓ You can provide new information or legal authority that could not have been brought to the Court's attention with reasonable thoroughness on your part.

*This procedure may be used to have a Court Commissioner or Judge reconsider a prior decision. Please be aware that Court Rule 59 advises that Motions for Reconsideration are disfavored and will ordinarily be denied without a showing of error or new information/legal authority.*

*If you are asking that a Judge change (revise) a Court Commissioner's decision or ruling, please refer back to the self-help center for the packet for Motion to Revise or, if applicable, Motion to Vacate pursuant to CR 60.*

**READ ME:** It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.