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Hon. Mary E. Fairhurst
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Hon. Charles W. Johnson
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RE: Withdraw Request for Newly Revised Technology Principles as Court Rules

Dear Chief Justice Fairhurst and Justice Johnson,

We are writing about the request the ATJ Board made on October 15, 2018, for the Court to review the updated technology principles as rules. The ATJ Board would like to withdraw its request at this time and submit a request for the Court to review the technology updates as principles early next year.

The ATJ Board is in the midst of soliciting additional feedback on the technology updates and has reached out to many court-related associations and hopes to receive feedback over the next couple of months. The ATJ Board will also be offering a webinar on January 25th to give stakeholders an opportunity to learn more about the technology updates and share their feedback. The ATJ Board will consider all feedback and potentially make revisions to the technology updates submitted earlier. The ATJ Board then plans to request that the Court adopt the revised technology updates as principles.

The ATJ Board still hopes that technology principles will one day become court rules. However, the Board knows that will take time and does not want to delay having updated technology principles in place.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by directing them to Diana Singleton, Access to Justice Manager and WSBA staff to the ATJ Board, at dianas@wsba.org or 206-727-8205.

Sincerely,

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