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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Rudy Plager
Adams County Commissioner
District 1

To: Clerk of the Supreme Court

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the changes to the court rules. The specific rules I would like to address are CrRLJ 3.1, 4.1 and 4.2. These proposed changes meet two thresholds that I strongly oppose. One is that there is no constitutional or legislated law requiring these changes it is judicial legislating. Two there is little if any state financial support it will be an unfunded mandate imposed on local government.

After conferring with some of the elected officials within Adams County I have come up with a rough estimated cost to implement these proposed new court rules. Keep in mind that space is a valuable commodity in Adams County and these estimates do not reflect the cost of growing government infrastructure.

District Court in Ritzville current budget	239891.00
Additional Judicial time	12000.00
Additional Half FTE	20000.00
District Court in Othello current budget	217799.00
Additional Judicial time	12000.00
Additional Half FTE	20000.00
Prosecutors office current budget	538395.00
Additional Half FTE	20000.00
Public Defenders contract current budget	300000.00
Additional attorney	40000.00
Total estimated additional cost	124000.00

Sincerely
Rudy Plager
Adams County Commissioner

