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Supreme Court Rules Committee  
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Re: Proposed General Rule 34

Honorable Members:


I am sure that you have already received other letters from Clerk's around the state against General 34 and I am also requesting that you **not pass** this proposed rule.

The rule states that the Clerk's would have the authority to sign IFP waivers in certain circumstances. I feel that the Clerk's **should not** have the authority to sign these orders and that this should only be granted by a Judicial Officer.

It also states that many more of our fees to be waived by court order. This would pose quite an impact on all counties. We would essentially be providing services with no fee, which would reduce our budgets and the Commissioners would cut our staff. The Clerk's offices already struggle with enough staff to keep up with the current case loads.

I am asking that you review this rule and do not lower the poverty level lower than the criminal poverty level, that you do not give the Clerk's the Authority to sign IFP waivers and that you do not allow for other fees to be waived.

Sincerely,

  
KATHY MARTIN  
Walla Walla County Clerk

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