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## PRO BONO AND LEGAL AID COMMITTEE

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Washington State Supreme Court  
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Dear Members of the Washington State Supreme Court:

I write on behalf of the Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee (PBLAC) to comment on the proposed change to RPC 5.5(e). We are in support of this rule change and request your expedited review and adoption prior to the scheduled effective date of September 1, 2008. An earlier effective date will enable authorized in-house counsel admitted in another United States jurisdiction to volunteer as pro bono attorneys again (similar to their status under former APR 8(f)). Such an ability will help increase the number of attorneys who can provide needed pro bono services in Washington state.

The Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee works to (1) support activities that assist volunteer attorney legal services programs and organizations that encourage pro bono participation, (2) address the administration of justice as it affects indigent persons throughout the state, and (3) cooperate with other agencies, both public and private, interested in these objectives. Implementing proposed RPC 5.5(e) as soon as possible will help PBLAC achieve its important goals of promoting and encouraging pro bono participation in Washington state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Young, Chair

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