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I am writing to express my personal support for the proposed amendments to GR 34. As an attorney committed to pro bono services to the indigent, I think it is important for Washington to adopt a consistent approach to handling requests for fee waivers. The current ad hoc and inconsistent approach leads to attorneys and the courts spending unnecessary time on these requests. More importantly, the current system allows for differing outcomes based on county of residence, or in some cases, the particular official who hears the request. Determining indigence based on the same criteria used by civil legal service providers in Washington will eliminate these inefficiencies and inconsistencies.

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