

**Faulk, Camilla**

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**To:** Faulk, Camilla  
**Subject:** Proposed Rules GR 34 and GR 43

Ms. Faulk,

I am writing on behalf of GR 34 and GR 43. I strongly believe that these proposed rules will help remove the financial barriers that affect low income individuals. It is a struggle for them to come up with any funds to help assist their legal matters. Proposing a rule that helps waive the filing fee is an enourmous relief to those who need assistance. My job requires me to work with low income families, many of which must have a parenting plan, however, due to their financial hardships, there are quite a few of them that struggling with accomplishing this task. Paying \$50 for a facilitator fee is already a struggle for them. Individuals with low income need all the help they can get and these proposed rules will greatly help them obtain and access the help that they need.

Thank you for taking your time to read these comments.

Sincerely,

Ella Peri

*The proposed rules, GR 34 and GR 43 will assist with removing barriers to access to justice for low income people. GR 34 should however provide for a full waiver of all fees for those persons below the federal poverty guidelines. Currently in Whatcom County Superior Court, even if the filing fee is waived, the Petitioner in a domestic relations case has to pay \$50 for the facilitator fee. For a single parent on TANF, obtaining that \$50 is almost impossible. Both rules will help low income pro se litigants.*