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Mr. Ronald Carpenter  
Washington Supreme Court  
415 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
P.O. Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Re: Proposed GR 34

Dear Mr. Carpenter:


I am writing to express support for proposed General Rule 34: Waiver of Court and Clerk's Fees and Charges in Civil Matters on the Basis of Indigency.

I am an attorney in private practice in Skagit County and have assisted indigent clients on a pro bono basis. In matters referred to my office from the Skagit County Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP), I have had to assist pro bono clients in completing and submitting an Affidavit of Indigency to the court. Assuming that clients eligible for pro bono referrals from VLP have previously been screened, I believe that the proposed GR 34 makes sense, and would save attorneys taking on pro bono referrals some time.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on proposed GR 34. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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James B. Dolan

cc: Skagit Volunteer Lawyer Program

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