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Ronald Carpenter, Clerk
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Attn: Camilla Faulk

Re: Proposed General Rule 34
Waiver of Court and Clerk's Fees and Charges in Civil Matter on the Basis of
Indigency

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

I write 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 (GR 34). I am an attorney in private practice in Skagit County and have assisted indigent clients on a pro bono basis. To ensure universal access to the justice system, it is important for the fee waiver process to operate with the uniformity and predictability that GR 34 and its accompanying pattern form(s) will provide. Passage of GR 34 would also save me the time that I would spend to help a pro bono client prepare a motion to waive fees and a declaration of indigency in order to obtain a court order to waive filing fees.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on proposed GR 34. I am available should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Very Truly Yours,

Patrick M. Hayden